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UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK

20,000 German Volunteers In Spain

REINFORCE MADRID FRONT

DEFENCE COMMANDER INTERVIEWED

BOMBARDMENT OF MERIDA

Madrid, Yesterday.
It is calculated that 20,000 German soldiers have disembarked for Spain since the last meeting of the League of Nations on the 12th inst. According to a statement by General Miaja, Commander of the Defence Forces in Madrid, these have been distributed on all the fronts, particularly the Madrid front, where it is believed they are 6,000 strong. The General adds that the Germans were clearly present during the recent fighting in the Boadilla sector.

"So far we have not captured any Nazi prisoners," the General added. "The German infantry launch their attacks in masses, as in the Great War, but the Government forces had been prepared for this. There are still very many Italians with the insurgents," he stated.—Reuter.

Madrid: The lull on all the fronts is complete. A Government communique states that no operation has been reported on the different sectors. Both the Government and insurgent planes made raids on the enemy lines but no serious damage was reported. An insurgent cruiser bombarded Gijon, a few shells falling in the centre of the town, causing slight casualties.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.



Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent (above) gave birth to a daughter yesterday. Both are reported to be doing excellently.

FIRE BREAKS OUT NEAR HOSPITAL

Coolness Of Nurses Prevents Panic

Coolness on the part of the nurses on duty prevented a panic among the patients yesterday in the Kwong Wah Hospital, Kowloon, at about 3 a.m., when fire broke out in the hospital gardeners' quarters.

The flames were first seen by the nurse on duty in the maternity ward, which is situated just opposite the gardeners' quarters. A fire appliance from the Mong Kok Fire Station was immediately sent to the scene, and the flames were extinguished within half an hour.

The cause of the fire has not yet been established, but the damage is estimated to be about \$100.

DAUGHTER FOR DUCHESS

MOTHER AND CHILD DOING WELL

London, To-day.
Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent gave birth to a daughter at 11.20 a.m. yesterday. Both mother and child are doing excellently.—Reuter.

This is the second child born to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Kent, their first born being Prince Edward.

BROKERS LTD.

Ambition To Increase Empire Trade

BUYING AND SELLING IN THE SAME RATIO

London, Yesterday.
A company entitled "Brokers Limited" has been formed in London with powerful auspices to facilitate commerce between British Dominions and Colonies and European countries whose normal trade is curtailed by exchange restrictions. Trade will be principally with Germany on the barter system.

The company is 100 per cent. British with Lord Glenconner as the chairman.

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HOME RUGBY

London Welsh Lose To Neath

London, To-day.
There were several Club Rugby fixtures played yesterday, Swansea beating the Watsons, by 17 points to 5, while Neath defeated the London Welsh by 13 points to 6.

Edinburgh Academicals were at home to the London Scottish, but were beaten by 6 points to 3, while Aberdeen proved too strong for Mountain Ash, winning by 20 points to 3.—Reuter.



The most powerful aeroplane engine in America, and perhaps in the world, is this Cyclone, which weighs 1,275 pounds and develops 1,265 horse-power, representing an enormous advance in weight-to-power ratio. The engine, shown with a test propeller, is the result of 10 years' research.

THE POPE'S MESSAGE

TERRIFYING REALITY BEING PREPARED FOR EUROPE

Vatican City, Yesterday.
His Holiness the Pope, in his worldwide broadcast message, deplored the "many great evils which have fallen like a scourge on humanity, civil society and the Church." He added that today, more than ever, he felt near and present to all the Catholic world in spirit.

HOME SOCCER

Sunderland Lose At St. Andrew's

DERBY TROUNCHED AT GOODISON PARK

London, To-day.
The following are the Christmas Day League football results:

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	4	Preston	1
Birmingham	2	Sunderland	0
Brentford	2	Wednesday	1
Charlton	0	Bournemouth	0
Everton	7	Derby	0
Grimby	5	Manchester C.	3
Leeds	5	Middlesboro'	0
Manchester U.	1	Bolton	0
Stoke	2	Chelsea	0
W. Bromwich	3	Liverpool	1
Wolves	3	Huddersfield	1

SECOND DIVISION

Blackburn	0	Tottenham	4
Bradford	2	West Ham	1
Burnley	3	Doncaster	0
Chesterfield	1	Aston Villa	0
Coventry	2	Southampton	0
Fulham	0	Blackpool	0
Leicester	5	Barnsley	1
Newcastle	0	Norwich	1
Notts F.	2	Bradford C.	0
Plymouth	0	Swansea	0
Sheffield U.	1	Bury	0

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Brighton	1	Watford	1
Bristol C.	1	Crystal P.	0
Gillingham	1	Bristol R.	0
Luton	2	Notts. C.	1
Millwall	4	Aldershot	2
Northampton	3	Newport	2
Queen's P.R.	4	Exeter	0
Reading	0	Swindon	2
Southend	0	Bournemouth	0
Torquay	1	Cardiff	0
Walsall	3	Clapton	2

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Accrington	2	Port Vale	3
Barrow	2	Southport	1
Carlisle	2	Oldham	1
Chester	1	Halifax	0
Grimsby	5	Darlington	0
Hull	1	Wrexham	0
Lincoln	3	Rotherham	0
Mansfield	1	Crews	4
New Brighton	1	Stockport	1
Rochdale	2	Tramwre	1
York	4	Hartlepool	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Partick	1	St. Mirren	1
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Against the will of God, they had to contend with the malevolence of many misguided enemies. There still raged, with all its horror and hatred, carnage and destruction in the civil war in Spain. It seemed that those evil forces of which he had spoken wished to make the supreme experiment of all the destructive forces scattered throughout the world which they commanded, and there were signs and portents of a terrifying reality being prepared for Europe and the world.
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CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY

EUROPEAN LADY KILLED IN CAR MISHAP

The Christmas celebrations in Hong Kong were marred by a fatal motor accident in Tsun Wan, in the Castle Peak district, yesterday, involving the death of Mrs. Anderson, wife of Mr. J. E. Anderson, of the well-known music store bearing his name.

Details of the accident are very meagre but from a reliable source

STOP PRESS

The funeral of Gunner Saunders R.A., who died in the Military Hospital early this morning from pneumonia, will take place this afternoon at the Colonial Cemetery at 3 p.m. The Rev. E. Dow will officiate at the service.

The deceased was admitted to the Military Hospital five days ago and belonged to the Battery, stationed at Stonecutters. He had been in Hong Kong for the past three years and was due to leave for home by the next troopship.

MARSHAL CHANG MAKES HIS EXCUSES

REVOLT DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING NOW CLEARED UP

CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES ORDERED

NANKING, TO-DAY.

GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK, WHO HAS BEEN HELD AS A HOSTAGE BY MARSHAL CHANG HSUEH-LIANG, THE "YOUNG MARSHAL" AND ACTING COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF BANDIT SUPPRESSION IN NORTH-WESTERN CHINA, SINCE DECEMBER 13, THE DATE OF THE SIANFU COUP D'ETAT, WAS RELEASED YESTERDAY AND ARRIVED AT LOYANG BY PLANE.—REUTER.

It is officially stated that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was released unconditionally and that his first action was to order the cessation of hostilities and the withdrawal of the Government troops from Shensi.

Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang explains that the revolt was due to a misunderstanding which has now been cleared up. He erroneously thought that the Generalissimo was going to dismiss him and disband his troops so he detained him for self-protection. Furthermore, he believed that Nanking had failed to pay his troops but it transpired that the money had been misappropriated by one of his own subordinates who has now been arrested.

It is noteworthy that Marshal Chang does not mention the political issues, which confirms the view that his manifesto issued on the 12th inst. was a mere "window dressing."

Nanking: Shanghai and the other cities went wild with joy as the news of the Generalissimo's release was flashed throughout the country. Huge crowds thronged the streets in Shanghai, blocking the traffic, shouting and cheering and letting off crackers, while aeroplanes circled over the city dropping coloured papers. Processions marched through the streets carrying banners with slogans reading "Long Live Chiang Kai-shek and Long Live the Republic." — Reuter.

Shanghai: The Government troops along the Lunghai Railway are being withdrawn in pursuance with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's order.

His release occurred on the eve of the resumption of hostilities as the Government troops were already taking up positions preparatory to retaking their advance on Sianfu to-day, some along the Lunghai railway, others from Hankow and yet others from Kansu.

The news of the Generalissimo's release was received with profound relief in Chinese and foreign business circles as a civil war might have proved disastrous to trade.

LOYANG H.Q.
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, accompanied by Madame Chiang, Messrs. T. V. Soong and W. H. Donald, his European adviser, has established his temporary headquarters in Loyang.

The future of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang and the other rebels is intriguing political circles, who are wondering what steps will be taken to clean up the state of affairs revealed by the revolt in the north-west.

Although the Generalissimo has been released, it is obvious that the revolt leaves many problems for the Government, notably as regards the Communist elements in Shensi and Kansu.—Reuter.

Great Excitement In Manila

Manila: The city police stations were packed last night with Chinese people who were rounded up for violating the Ordinance, prohibiting the firing of crackers within city limits.

Reuter's flash of the Generalissimo's release created the greatest excitement in Chinese quarters. Extras were rushed out bearing the glad tidings and most of the people who were arrested expressed the opinion that it was well worth it.—Reuter.

Local Reaction

The local Chinese community went wild with delight on receipt of the news that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek had been released.

The Chinese press printed "extras" that were eagerly snatched up by the crowds who immediately stormed fire-cracker shops. The whole city then celebrated, the burning of crackers going on for hours.—Reuter.



Paris: A message from Shanghai states that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, above, has been released and has arrived in Loyang.—Reuter.

a considerable period. Even the most conservative of the old-school Chinese, known for his stoic calm, could not help "letting himself go" and as a result the 1936 Christmas Day was about the "noisiest" in recent years.

Marshal Chang At Loyang

Nanking: It is learned that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang arrived in Loyang together with the Generalissimo and this is taken to indicate that the rebel leader has received assurances for his personal safety. However, it is generally considered that the Government cannot remain inactive regarding the serious disruptive

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NEW PRESIDENT OF HAVANA

Havana, Yesterday.—Frederico Laredo Bru, a lawyer, has been sworn as President of Havana following the impeachment of Gomez in the Senate. Gomez has already vacated the Presidential Palace.—Reuter.

SARAH CHURCHILL WEDS AMERICAN COMEDIAN

New York, Yesterday.—Sarah Churchill, daughter of the British statesman, was married to-day to Mr. Vic Oliver, the comedian. They will spend their honeymoon in touring of crackers going on for hours.—Reuter.



Sporting Page



ENGLAND SHOULD BEAT CHINA IN SUNDAY HERALD CUP TO-DAY



According to the "Governor-General," G. C. Macartney, the former Australia Test cricketer, Charlie Grimmett, above, who was a tower of strength in the Australian attack for many years, was not worth his place in the Australian team for the first Test match at Brisbane.

NAVY FORCE FINE WIN

Triangular Tourney Cricket

LT. PROWSE TAKES 6 FOR 38

The first of this year's Triangular Tournament cricket matches—between the Army and Navy—which commenced on the H.K.C.C. ground on Wednesday ended in a win yesterday for the Navy by 84 runs.

Navy, 1st innings 150 runs.
Army, 1st innings 215 runs.
Royal Navy, 2nd innings.
Lieut. Phillimore, c and b Pritchard.
Eng. Cmdr. Davies, c Daniels, b Garthwaite.
Lieut. Cochran, c Ryland, b Garthwaite.
Surge. Lieut. Kirkwood, c Warr, b Murphy.
Lieut. Donald, c and b Garthwaite.
Cdr. Boucher, lbw, b Garthwaite.
Tel. Tufnell, c Murphy, b Ryland.
Cdr. Wauchop, b Moreton.
Cdr. Hayter, not out.
Lieut. Prowse, c and b Moreton.
Lieut. Harper, not out.
Extras 17.

Total (for 9 wkts. dec.) 244.
Bowling: Garthwaite 4 for 57, Ryland 1 for 28, Pritchard 1 for 59, Murphy 1 for 23, Moreton 1 for 19.
The Army, 2nd Innings.
Sgt. Daniels, c Hayter, b Prowse.
C. Q. M. S. Moreton, b Prowse.
Lieut. Garthwaite, b Prowse.
Lieut. Murphy, stumped Kirkwood, b Prowse.
Lieut. Pritchard, c Tufnell, b Prowse.
Capt. Walch, stumped Kirkwood, b Prowse.
Capt. Jackson, b Boucher.
Capt. Ryland, c Davies, b Boucher.
Lt. Hon. G. R. Clegg-Hill, c Prowse, b Boucher.
Lieut. Barron, c Kirkwood, b Boucher.
S.Q.M.S. Warr, not out.
Extras 5.

Total 95.
Bowling: Prowse 6 for 38, Boucher 4 for 24.

TO-DAY'S CRICKET PROGRAMME

Club Encounter Army In Triangular Tourney

There are several cricket matches down for decision to-day, the most interesting being the Club and Army game in the Triangular Tournament, which will commence this morning on the former's ground.

Another interesting encounter will be the annual fixture between the Navy and Kowloon Cricket Club. The Navy first eleven will entertain Kowloon seniors, whilst the second teams will play at the E.C.C.

At Craigengower the Bachelors will take on the Benedictines, following which both teams will celebrate at a dance in the Club-house.

TO-DAY'S CRICKET

The following will represent the Hong Kong C.C. in their Triangular Tournament match against the Army to-day, commencing at 11 a.m.—
A. W. Hayman (Capt.), L. D. K.

1936 RACING SEASON AT AN END

STRATHROY'S RECORD WAS OUTSTANDING

MR. DUNBAR'S SPORTING ACTION

(By "RAPIER")

THE 1936 local Racing season was brought to a conclusion last Saturday when the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting was held with conspicuous success. The outstanding performance was undoubtedly the breaking of the record for the 1¼ miles distance by Strathroy, in the Queensland Autumn Championships.

It was done with such consummate ease that one cannot help feeling that, with the possible exception of Able Amazon, this pony is in a class by itself. The other two Champion events resulted in upsets, but the finish of the Hong Kong Autumn Championships for China ponies was unquestionably one of the best, if not the best seen for a long time.

For the first time in his racing career, Mr. Donald Black has accomplished the coveted distinction of being regarded as the Champion Jockey, for 1936, a position which Mr. L. G. Frost held in 1935. I feel sure that the racing public will join me in extending to Mr. Black hearty congratulations. Honours among the owners were again evenly divided, which has become a regular feature of race meetings during recent months.

In the first race, the December Handicap, over one mile, the finish was extraordinarily exciting, and great credit is due to Mr. L. G. Frost for bringing in Wild Life first past the post, especially under the heavy burden of 168 lbs. I did not believe that Wild Life could do it. Jumping out to a fairly even start, King's Sceptre (Mr. Norman Deitz) took the lead, followed by Tyne (Mr. D. Black), and Bright View (Mr. Y. T. Fung). Behind them came Pontiac Bay (Mr. L. P. Ralph), King's Justice (Mr. S. C. Liang), with Wild Life (Mr. Frost) a few lengths in the rear.

On climbing up to the Rock, King's Sceptre dropped back, and was soon out of the picture. On rounding the bend Mr. Frost made his challenge on Wild Life, which responded beautifully. Within 100 yards from the winning post, it appeared that Bright View had the race won, but to the surprise of all Wild Life came through with a terrific burst of speed, and snatched a grand victory from Bright View, which was second, with Tyne third. It was undoubtedly great riding on the part of Mr. Frost which enabled Wild Life to score its only win of the season.

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"Rapier's" Selections For Fanling

RACE 1 THE GIRAFFE LUCY GLITTERS BRUTUS

Outsider—Belinda

RACE 2 RACING PLUCK KING'S PARADE PUNCH

Outsider—Glenshee

RACE 3 DIOGENES ESTOVER IKE

Outsider—Wigan

RACE 4 JOCK SCOTT WEMBLEY STAG JACK O'LANTEEN

Outsider—Glenshee

RACE 5 IKE THAT'S THAT FESTIVAL EVE

Outsider—Stickypast

See, L. T. Eide, D. McLellan, H. Owen, Hughes, G. A. Stewart, H. E. Nera, T. A. Pearce, T. C. Pearce, E. L. Holden and E. R. Dockett. Umpire—P. E. Barker. Score—E. G. Wallington.



E. M. Marques, left, is the reserve-goalkeeper for Portugal, while A. V. Gosano, right, will be in the pivotal position against Wales.

FUSILIERS V S. CHINA "B" TO-MORROW

RESULT WILL HAVE BEARING ON LEAGUE TITLE

AN interesting soccer game should be witnessed at Sookmoo to-morrow when the Fusiliers encounter South China "B" in the First Division of the League, and the result of this game will have a very great bearing on championships, as a win for the Fusiliers will not only place them in a strong position for the title, but will bring quite a number of teams into the running again.

The Fusiliers will be at full strength as only Rowlands is playing for Wales in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup to-day, while the Chinese will have only two players in the China team so that both elevens should be at their best.

In the other senior game, Eastern encounter the Navy and, in spite of their display against South China "B" last week, are not favoured against the sailors, who are fielding a strong team in spite of several of their star players having left for Home. McLeod will lead the forward line and will have Wride and Tippetts supporting him on the left-wing.

Junior Soccer

In the Junior Division the game between the Fusiliers and South China should be worth watching. Both teams are well in the running for the championship with the Fusiliers slightly in the better position, while the game between the Chinese Police and the Rifles, two of the remaining teams in the Junior Shield competition, should provide good football.

There are no games of outstanding interest in the Third Division.

FRIENDLY RUGBY GAME AT VALLEY

Strong Army XV Beat Weak Club Side

FLOYD AND DAVIES PLAY TOGETHER AGAIN

A friendly Rugby match was played at Happy Valley yesterday morning on the Club ground when a very strong Army fifteen beat a weak Club side by three tries (9 points) to a dropped goal (4 points) after the Club had led at the interval by 4 points to 3.

The turf was ideal for forward play and both packs took immediate advantage of the conditions, the backs very rarely coming into the picture, which was just as well for the Club, as the Army were fielding their strongest three-quarter line, both Floyd, their star stand-off-half, and L/Cpl. Davies making their first appearances for some time.

The Army opened the scoring with a good try by Floyd, but the Club took the lead when Bidwell dropped a line goal.

Army Dominates Play

In the second half the Army team held sway over the Club, and further tries came from Morgan and Chaney, both of which were unopposed.

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SPANISH BOXER ON THE BRIDGE

Paulino Uzcuden's Bold Nocturnal Raids

London, December 16.—The famous Spanish heavyweight boxer Paulino Uzcuden now commands one of the National Government's auxiliary cruisers, according to despatches which state that he and his ship have already made several bold nocturnal raids on enemy harbours, and have succeeded in destroying various munitions depots and releasing numerous hostages.

LOCAL INDIANS BEAT KUMAON RIFLES 4 TO 2

Keen Soccer Tussle At Chatham Road

PARTAB AND NERAIN SINGH IN THE LIMELIGHT

The Hong Kong (civilian) Indians beat the Kumaon Rifles by 4 goals to 2 in a friendly soccer encounter on the Chatham Road ground yesterday afternoon, after leading by two clear goals at the interval.

Although on the slow side, the Kumaon Rifles were tricky and also kept their opponents well marked throughout the game. The Indians scored their first goal through Hussain, their leader soon after the start of the match, and this was followed by one from the inside-right, A. M. Omar. The soldiers kept the Indians' defence on the run for most of the second half, launching attack after attack, but with little success.

Partab, the losers' left-winger, was again their outstanding player, his centres being well-placed. Their right-wing, Wazir Singh, was too slow in centring, while he was far from accurate. Bachhi Singh, the inside-right, has several opportunities of netting, but lack of force behind his shots resulted in several glorious chances going begging.

Soldiers Score

After Hussain had netted the winners' third goal, Nerain Singh, at centre-forward, replied for the soldiers, but the local Indians added another through their inside-left, R. M. Azim, after which Partab, taking a free kick just outside of the penalty area, beat Bux to score the losers' second goal.

Hong Kong Indians: A. Bux; Hassan and U. A. Arsalan; R. Hazret; O. M. Omar and A. R. Raseek; M. A. Arsalan; M. Omer; J. Hassan; E. M. Azim and R. Bux.
Kumaon Rifles: J. D. Zahoor; P.

BUT GRAND BATTLE ANTICIPATED

LEE TIN-SANG AND MAK SO WILL BE FORMIDABLE

PORTUGAL BOOKED FOR 2ND ROUND

(By "ROVER")

THE outstanding feature on this afternoon's sports programme is the First Round of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup football competition, in which England entertain China on the Club ground, and Portugal meet Wales on the Kowloon Football Club ground. Good football should be seen in both these encounters in spite of the fact that the China team is somewhat depleted.

England are fielding a fairly strong combination with several newcomers from the Royal Navy, among whom is Smith, their Junior Shield centre-forward, who makes his debut in representative soccer. Also included in the side are Wolverson, who makes his last appearance in a big match prior to his departure for Home on January 4, by the Dorsetshire. The remaining Navy players are Wride, who supports Smith at inside-left, and Cocker, who will be in goal.

China will be without several of their best players as Tam Kong-pak, Ip Pak-wa, Tay Quee-liang, and Lee Kwok-wai will not be available, their respective places being filled by members from Eastern, Kowloon Chinese and the Athletic. England are fairly representative of their best available talent and are favoured to enter the Second Round, although Lee Tin-sang and Mak So, the Chinese backs, are likely to offer a stubborn resistance.

The Chinese attack is a very fast one, but they will be coming up against a powerful defence in which Swain and Wolverson, in the full-back division, and North, Bliss and E. Strange, in the half-back line, are all at present in good form.

In the remaining International clash, Portugal are fielding a very powerful side against a weak Welsh team and the winners will probably be comprised mostly of players from the Seaford Highlanders, the new regiment which is relieving the East Lancashire Regiment.

Portugal have a well-balanced team with the Gosano brothers, A. V. and Bertie, filling the key positions at centre-half and centre-forward respectively.

The following are the teams for to-day's matches:—

China: Chin Hang (Eastern) (Captain); Lee Tin-sang (S. China "A") and Mak So (K. Chinese); Leung Wing-chin (S. China "A") (Vice-Captain); Lam Tak-po (S. China "B") and Lo Wai-uen (Athletic); Tang Kwong-sun (K. Chinese); Lai Shin-wing (S. China "A"); Fung King-chong (S. China "A"); Chan Yue-hin (Athletic); Cheong Moon-wing (Athletic).

Reserves: Wong Wah-gay (S. China "B"); Kwok Ping-chong (S. China "B"); Wong Shek-ping (Athletic); Lai Kwok-chin (K. Chinese); Wong Mei-shun (S. China "A"); Cheong Kwok-chai (Eastern); Chan Ping-to (Eastern); Cheng Shui-hong (Eastern); Soong Ling-ling (Eastern); Chow Man-chi (K. Chinese) and Lee Shek-yau (S. China "B").

England: F. Cocker (Navy); E. L. Swain (East Lancashire) and J. Wolverson (Navy); E. North (Police); A. S. Bliss (Kowloon) (Captain) and E. Strange (Club); F. Fowler (Club); A. Sandford (East Lancashire); J. Smith (Navy); J. Wride (Navy); B. I. Bickford (Club).

Reserves: H. Wolfe (Navy); S. Strange (Club); E. Forrow (Club); and H. Elliott (Club).
Wales: Rowlands; Davis and McHugh; Tocker, Keneghan and A. M. Omer; Roberts; L. J. H. Riley (Captain); Taylor, Linton and Ashton (Partab); H. R. Souza (Barcelo); L. Souza (St. Joseph's); and V. Costa (St. Joseph's); B. R. Souza (Barcelo); V. Gosano (Barcelo) and Delgado (St. Joseph's); C. Marques (Barcelo); C. Santos (Lusa); B. Gosano (Barcelo); J. Gomes (Barcelo) and J. Fernandes (St. Joseph's).

Reserves: E. M. Marques (St. Joseph's); V. Marques (Barcelo); H. R. Souza (Lusa); H. Souza (Lusa) and A. Alves (Barcelo).
Wales: Rowlands; Davis and McHugh; Tocker, Keneghan and North; Roberts; L. J. H. Riley; Linton and Ashton.

Singh and Bhandari; K. Singh; J. M. Gonsalves; Gopal Singh; W. Singh; B. Singh; M. Singh; K. Singh; K. Singh and Partab.



A. S. Bliss, above, will have the unenviable task of playing policeman to Fung King-chong this afternoon in the "Sunday Herald" Cup clash between England and China.

"ROVER'S" FORECAST

The following are the Sunday Herald Cup and League Football fixtures for the coming week-end:

TO-DAY

First Division

China v ENGLAND (Club, 3.30 p.m.).

PORTUGAL v WALES (Kowloon, 3.30 p.m.).

Fusiliers v S. China "B" (Sookmoo, 4 p.m.).

Navy v Eastern (Canesway Bay, 4 p.m.).

Second Division

Fusiliers v S. China (Sookmoo, 2.30 p.m.).

Athletic v Engineers (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.).

C. Police v Rifles (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.).

Lysam v Navy (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.).

Third Division

St. Joseph's v E. Rifles (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.).

E. Police v Tia (Kowloon, 4 p.m.).

Engineers v C. Police (Chatham Road, 4 p.m.).

EMPIRE BILLIARDS TITLE

Johnnieberry, November 26.—

Joe Thompson, the English amateur champion, was still 206 points behind Allen Prior, the South African title-holder, at the end of the second session of their final match in the Empire Billiards Championship here. Interval scores: Prior, 1,622; Thompson, 1,356. The title has already been won by R. Marshall, the Australian Champion.

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National Standards Of Diet

Diet, the modern doctors are never tired of preaching to us, is the secret of health. Statesmen all the world over have had to recognise that nutrition has become a problem of politics. For some time past a committee of experts appointed by the League of Nations has been investigating the relation of food consumption to the physical and economic welfare of mankind. Its latest report, though by no means wholly satisfactory, gives welcome evidence that the peoples under the British flag are among the best fed in the world. Empire countries have far more meat on their tables than any others. The southern Dominions, New Zealand and Australia, are first by a long way, with Canada third. But Great Britain comes next, faring even more richly than the United States. Her 140 pounds per head may be compared with the 110 of Germany, the 72 of France, the 35 of Italy. Though she stands below Canada and the United States and Belgium Great Britain eats more eggs than any other European country. So far as comparison is possible, she has a fair share of fruit. Only the Dominions now eat more butter. The British take more sugar than any people except the Danes.

To such a national diet, with the possible exception of the abundant sugar, the medical experts would give their approval. According to modern science, what the British usually lack is not the substances producing energy but the protective substances, minerals and vitamins. Butter and eggs, fresh fruit, and vegetables, fat meat and fish are of primary importance to health. But there is another food of which the British let themselves go short. As milk drinkers Britain stands comparatively low among the nations. The Swiss drink far more than twice as much, the Danes and the Americans half as much again. Britain's 23 gallons a head certainly brackets Britain equal with France and Germany and far above Italy with her seven. But no one can think such an average adequate to the needs of the children of the nation.

Sir John Orr has declared his opinion that the national health demands an increase of the consumption of liquid milk by 42 per cent. There is, however, a slight upward trend shown by these statistics and it has probably been increased recently. In general it may be said that taste and economic conditions have been of late directing British house-keeping wisely. Britain has had a higher standard of living and the measures which have protected her agriculture and preserved the supplies have allowed her to enjoy it at a lower cost than in the days of uncontrolled imports.

Your Daily Smile!

"Do you think stocks will go up or down?" a man asked a big industrial magnate in the hope of getting a good tip.
"Yes," was the magnate's answer.
"I am sure they will. They never stand still for very long and they can't go sideways."

Hardly Fit

"Mother, may I go over and play with Tommy?" asked the son of the house.
"No; Tommy has just gone out with his father and mother," replied his mother.
"Why not go and play with little Peter?"

A CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Help For Hungry Babies

With all its time-hallowed joy, Christmas brings for all of us at some time a breath of sadness. In all homes there will be, sooner or later, the empty chair.

But it is a gentle grief when the missing face is of one who has lived a life, has seen his or her children grow to ripe years and has shared the Christmas joy with those children's children. Such have won through to an earned rest.

The empty chair, yes! But what of the empty cradle? Some of our readers will have known friends stricken with the bewildering grief of a dead child, medical skill powerless, the end not preventable.

There is no greater sadness than the loss of a child's life when all that can be done to save it has been done. There is no sterner tragedy than when this happens without need. There is no fiercer indictment of a community than that this may happen not rarely, but as a sudden visitation, but as a matter of course and without need.

The social charity of Eastern lands is known. We are told that none who have struggled through infancy need starve, where others have food. Usage will find rice for them. But the solid foods within the reach of the poverty-stricken, unemployed or beggar parents are for the infant equivalent to a death sentence or the servitude of a maimed life.

You who read these lines may wonder that such things can be. Cannot something be done? Yes, easily, and you can do it. When the mothers, through lack of nourishing food, cannot feed their babies naturally there is help waiting for them.

Nothing heroic, nothing wonderful, only milk foods, cod liver oil, Lactogen and such things, and it is for this simple help that the Women's Auxiliary of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children is making this Christmas Appeal to the Women of Hong Kong.

They are not pleading for the mere alleviation of a hopeless state of affairs. The Society now receives enough support from the public to deal with the hungry babies whose parents seek its aid. It is a big step towards the day when it can go and look for the rest. They ask the Women of Hong Kong to bring that day nearer.

They appeal specially to women to help so that other women shall not see their children die. Contributions may be sent to: The Hon. Treasurer, Women's Auxiliary, P. O. Box No. 80. The Women's Auxiliary, Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children.

EXPLANATION OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON

The Rise Of James E. West

A CRIPPLED BOY, inmate of an orphanage, was sent to a hospital for treatment. After a year he was dismissed as hopelessly incurable and literally dumped at the doorstep of the orphanage, which refused to readmit him. Cold logic would have appraised as very slight the chances of this bit of human flotsam to survive. But there was an indomitable spirit in the frail body of that boy. By sheer force of will he forged ahead and established a prominent position for himself in society. The frigid little boy of 3 decades ago has become leader and friend of 7,000,000 boys and men to whom his own rise from poverty and hopelessness must be the most inspiring of examples. That boy's name was James E. West, now Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America and editor of its magazine.

"Well, I played with Peter yesterday, and I don't think he'll be well enough yet."

Changed.
Russia will not recognize Spain if the rebels win. If there is much more fighting it is doubtful whether Spaniards will recognize it.

That is a forecast of it.
"If somebody left you a million dollars, what would you do?"
"Hire six good lawyers, and try to get it."

Here There and Everywhere.

MYSTERIOUS COL. LINDBERGH

The American Press, accustomed by years of experience to Col. Lindbergh's reluctance to keep them informed of his whereabouts when engaged on flights, were not surprised at the excitement created in England last month by his temporary disappearance.

All the papers carry stories, but most of them are brief. The "Daily News," New York's best informed morning "picture" tabloid, has the headline, "All British Isles Hunt Lindy." It comments somewhat sarcastically:

While the British Air Ministry was about to start a widespread search, the die was apparently spending a comfortable evening in some home or inn oblivious to the fears of the world.

During the years he spent in America after his famous Atlantic flight, Col. Lindbergh was frequently a thorn in the flesh of American Press Associations and newspapers.

On numerous occasions these were compelled to spend agonised hours telephoning and telegraphing in desperate efforts to ascertain his whereabouts after he had departed on a flight to an unknown destination.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL'S NEW HEAD

In Mr. J. T. Christie, headmaster of Repton, who has been appointed to succeed Dr. Costley-White as head of Westminster, the London school will have its first layman headmaster since William Camden, the great historian, who was appointed in 1593.

At Repton, Mr. Christie actually created a precedent. He was the first layman headmaster of Repton since its foundation in 1557. At 37 Mr. Christie must still be one of the youngest public school headmasters. He was only 32 when he went to Repton.

There he succeeded the present Bishop of Chester, who had been appointed when he was 27.

GOLD KEY FOR NEW SCHOOL

The Countess of Iveagh opened a new high school for girls at Sudbury, Suffolk, recently with a golden key.

BUBONIC PLAGUE VACCINE

JAPANESE DOCTOR'S FIND

100,000 TREATED AGAINST ANCIENT CURSE

(By Milton Silverman)

San Francisco, Nov. 15. OUT of a gleaming, spotless laboratory in Manchuria has come a new and powerful vaccine to combat bubonic plague, the terrible scourge of Asia and the tropics.

Already 100,000 men, women and children have been vaccinated against this ancient curse and, with a deadly epidemic raging about them, not one has been infected.

Manchuria officials plan to vaccinate 300,000 people a year.

Promising results have already been achieved in using this new vaccine as the basis of manufacturing a curative agent.

This brilliant record was revealed yesterday by Dr. Kikuo Karasuchi, number one plague fighter of the Orient, the Japanese scientist who developed the vaccine.

In San Francisco to discuss his results with outstanding American scientists, and to investigate California's own plague situation, Dr. Karasuchi has been working unofficially at the University of California's Hooper Foundation with Dr. Karl F. Meyer, leading American authority on bubonic plague.

Tour Of America

He will leave to-day for a tour which will take him to Harvard University and other scientific institutions in America and Europe.

Ten years ago, Dr. Karasuchi said yesterday, he left Keio University in Japan to begin his research career in Manchuria. Stationed at Dairen, he became one of the directors of the famous Hygienic Institute supported by the South Manchurian Railway. And there he came face to face with bubonic plague.

"As in China and India," he said, "the greatest problem Manchuria must face is the control of bubonic plague. In June of every year, the epidemic sweeps out of

Inner Mongolia and spreads to Manchuria. In August and September the epidemic becomes most severe. Many thousands become infected.

"And when people become infected with plague," the scientist emphasized, "they die from plague. They do not recover. The mortality is very close to 100 per cent."

Year after year for countless centuries this appalling situation has existed. Dozens of preventive and curative methods have been tried, but not one has met both popular and medical approval.

Better Vaccine

Year after year, rats and ground squirrels carrying plague-infected fleas, which have crawled into homes, spreading the disease to man and almost depopulating whole villages.

Almost a decade ago when Dr. Karasuchi first got his idea of a new and better vaccine, the entire resources of the Manchurian Railway were placed at his disposal.

"With the railway," he explained, "plague is both a health and a financial problem. When the epidemic comes, the trains do not run. There are no passengers, no shipments of freight. The epidemic costs the company perhaps \$100,000 a day."

Given every assistance he required—money, trained assistants, hundreds of experimental animals—Dr. Karasuchi set about developing his vaccine. After years of effort, he finally produced a substance that provided protection, not against the plague microbe, but against one of its component parts.

"We grow these bacteria in the laboratory in very great numbers. Then we kill them, so they cannot cause infection, and break them apart. We select a certain fraction of these bacteria, and use it to produce immunity."

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley

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WAH YEE COLLEGE DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES SMALL BEGINNING AND THEN SUCCESS

On Wednesday last Wah Yee College held its first Distribution of Prizes.

The Headmaster, in his report, said:

"To-day is the first prize day of this college, and it is, indeed, a great pleasure to me to present to you this first annual report. First of all let me say a few words concerning the history of the foundation of this college. It was in July 1935 that one of my classmates and now one of the teachers of this college, Mr. Wong Yiu Hing, raised the idea of running a school of this type, so with the help of Fr. Ryan and Fr. Bourke, six of us who had just finished our studies in Class 1 Wah Yan College, made all preparations and started a new school in the Colony, calling it Wah Yee College.

"The Chinese character 'Yee' means righteousness which is co-relative to the Chinese character 'Yan', meaning benevolence. It is because we want to make it a point not to forget our Alma Mater, Wah Yan College, that we call this college Wah Yee College. But there is a second reason for which we call it by this name. As you know righteousness is the virtue which always exists among true friends. The staff here are friends. Every time the name comes to our mind, it will remind us of the virtue which must exist among us.

Started In 1935 -

"The school opened on September 3, 1935, and we had only six pupils to attend the classes; so six teacher, taught six boys. But we were not disappointed. We looked for the best. We hoped that Wah Yan College would recommend a great many new boys to us. Our hope, however, did not remain a hope. At the end of the same month we had an enrolment of 26 boys, and now the number of boys is 73, twelve times the number in the beginning. The success is certainly due to the support of the Rev. Fathers of Wah Yan College and to the hard work of the staff of this college.

"In the final examination which took place last June, a great majority of the class 4 boys passed, and were directly admitted to class 3 in Wah Yan College by kind permission of Fr. Rector, and Fr. Donnelly, the Prefect of Studies.

"There is one thing which is worth reporting to you. This year instead of teaching all classes a few periods each week, as last year, every form-master has at least 20 periods of lessons in his own class. This brings the master and his own class into closer touch and makes them understand each other more clearly, so that a better result of management is thus obtained.

Great Hopes

"In short, this year we have obtained a small success, but we still hope to get a greater success in the coming year. In order to reach this end we realise that the staff and the pupils must work harder than before, and I know everyone of us is quite willing to do so.

"Before I conclude I want to thank Very Rev. Fr. Rector, who has kindly come to give away the prizes, and the Rev. Fathers of Wah Yan College, without whose help Wah Yee could never have come into existence, and to thank you, gentlemen, who do us honour by your coming here to-day. I want to thank also the staff of this college for their hard work, especially Mr. Yee Shou San, a very active member, and Mr. Chan Woon Wing, who both have helped me in every possible way to make Wah Yee a success. Moreover I must thank Mr. Wong Ching Ngar, Mr. Lee Shin To, Mr. Cheung Hok Chai and Mr. Lee Yau Wing who have helped us in our work during the year. I want to thank the pupils too for their work, and their love for their College and masters.

"Finally, allow me, Rev. Fathers and gentlemen, and my dear friends, to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

After the reading of the report Very Rev. Fr. Gallagher, S.J., Ph.D., gave away the prizes, and spoke to the boys on the way they should work in order to make a success not merely of their school life but of their lives in the world.



"Our Relations," featuring Stan. Laurel and Oliver Hardy, is the attraction at the King's Theatre.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

THE WEEKLY TOLL OF THE ROAD

One European Killed

In the Colony of Hong Kong including the Island, Kowloon and the New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, the 19th inst. there were altogether 50 traffic accidents, as the result of which 1 person was killed and 20 persons were injured.

The person killed, a European motor cycle driver, died as the result of injuries received when his vehicle collided with a tree. Of the person injured, 15 were pedestrians, who were either walking or running across the road and were struck by vehicles.

One bus passenger and one tramcar passenger were injured whilst alighting from a moving motor bus and a moving tramcar respectively.

One cyclist was injured through falling from his vehicle whilst in motion.

One private car passenger was injured when the vehicle collided with a tree.

Two lorry passengers and one cyclist were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles.

Of the 50 accidents, 34 were collisions between vehicles; 15 were collision between vehicles and pedestrians; and 11 accidents were due to other causes.

Vehicles involved in the 50 accidents, with the number of accidents in brackets, were as follows: Private Motor Car (21); Motor Lorry (13); Public Motor Car (2); Motor Bus (7); Motor Cycle (1); Tramcar (1); Tricycle (1); Bicycle (4).

BLEND OF REALISM AND FANTASY

Mrs. Moncrieff's New Book

The White Drake And Other Tales by Ann Scott Moncrieff. (5s. net).

Mrs. Scott Moncrieff, who has one of the most colourful imaginations of all children's writers, made her name last year with that splendid story of orphan runaways, *Aboard the Bulger*. The tales in her new book all have animal heroes—a drake who wanted to learn flying, a young red squirrel who triumphantly leads his people in a battle against a horde of grey invaders from America, a sheep who really isn't a sheep at all—and they are told with the same special blend of realism and fantasy.

LIFE RISKED FOR SHEEP

Coun. John Roberts, of Berthau Farm, Tydwellog, near Pwllheli, a member of the Llanelly Rural Council, risked his life last month to rescue a sheep, which had fallen over a cliff on to a ledge.

CHIEF CONSTABLE HURT

The Chief Constable of Ashton-under-Lyne, Mr. Henry Gregson, was injured last month when he fell five feet into a hole while directing operations at a factory fire.

CHRISTMAS IN HONG KONG

Celebrations In Time-Honoured Style

CARNIVALS WELL ATTENDED

Christmas Eve and Christmas were celebrated in time-honoured fashion in the Colony and, judging by the large crowds at the hotels and the other places of pleasure, the whole Colony must have been "up and doing."

The festivities commenced on Thursday evening and from shortly after 8 p.m. a steady stream of merry-makers began to pour into the hotels, all of which were crowded to capacity.

The Hong Kong Hotel, Gloucester Hotel, the Peninsula and Repulse Bay were all filled to capacity and every one present at the carnivals held in these establishments entered into the spirits of the evening's fun wholeheartedly so that everything went with a swing till the small hours of the morning, when the tired but happy crowds wended their way home for the rest that was required to allow them to continue their merriment yesterday.

The cabarets had permission to remain open till 3 a.m. and the crowds that attended the dance halls proved that it was a step in the right direction. The outstanding feature of the celebrations that struck one forcibly was the orderliness of the crowd. Hong Kong maintained its reputation of being a "quiet and dignified place," even though the whole town let itself go as it were.

The celebrations were kept up yesterday and last night, and to-night capacity houses are promised again for the Boxing Day Carnivals arranged by the leading hotels.

ABYSSINIA — AND AFTER

An Eye Witness Account

The First of the League Wars. By Major Gen. J. F. C. Fuller (Kyrle and Spottiswoode, 10s. 6d.).

Gen. Fuller's book falls into two parts, the first giving a striking description of the war in Abyssinia, of which he was in part an eye-witness, the second dealing with totalitarian warfare as he sees it. There is, he suggests, a link between the two.

For he regards the Abyssinian War as "a stupendous historical event and a most significant political and military undertaking," the origins of which lay in the Russian Revolution and the birth of the League as representing the victory of the "democratic States in the Great War."

The account of the Abyssinian War occupies but a third of the book. In addition to his personal experiences and criticisms of the tactics employed we get an analysis, by a singularly penetrating intelligence, of what he believes was going on in the minds of Mussolini and Marshal Badoglio and the influence of events at Geneva on the course of the campaign. He believes that if Abyssinia had accepted the Hoare-Laval proposals, Mussolini would have been satisfied with Tigre and a regime corresponding to our pre-Treaty position in Egypt for the rest of the century.

He attributes the Abyssinian failure primarily to their mass tactics and to Italian bombing; while gas, the totalitarian weapon, was the reply to the threat of oil sanctions. He gives unstinted praise to the soldierly qualities of Marshal Badoglio, and clearly thinks that the dash for Addis Ababa was a belated and desperate gamble, which just succeeded.

The rest of the book, is somewhat controversial in character and deals with the prospects of what is described as a second League War.

TOWNS MAY JOIN

A proposal at a Broadstairs meeting recently that the town should seek amalgamation with the borough of Margate was received with a great enthusiasm.

AIR RACE TO ISLE OF MAN

The air race next year from London to Douglas, in the Isle of Man, will take place on Saturday, May 23.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. yesterday was 0.13 inch. The total since January 1 has been 69.72 inches, against an average of 84.99 inches.

Lieut. H. C. Withers, of the Royal Artillery Officers Mess, Gun Club Hill, was summoned before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy on Thursday for allowing his grey and white great dane dog abroad on Chatham Road, near Observatory Road without a muzzle or lead on December 12. Defendant said he had known nothing about the matter. The dog was not his, though he was responsible for it at the time. A fine of \$10 was imposed. Lance-Sergeant MacVey prosecuted.

One passenger arrived here on Thursday by the C.N.A.C. plane Kwangtung from Shanghai — Mr. L. Dahlmann. One passenger, Mr. S. P. Healey, left by the same plane for Canton from Hong Kong.

The R.M.A. Dorado left Kai Tak at 12 noon yesterday, carrying no passengers and freight, but 102,981 kilos. of mail.

Mr. G. A. Harriman, the well-known local jobber and share-broker, returned to the Colony yesterday by the P. and O. liner s.s. Comorin.

Mrs. Eldon Potter, wife of the well-known local barrister and King's Counsel, returned to the Colony yesterday by the s.s. Comorin.

POLICE VISITS TO CLUB

Defendant Under Orders To Sail

Evidence of a police raid on Billie's Club, Little Denmark-street, W., was given at Bow-street last month, when the proprietress, Miss Billie Joyce, 31, and 36 other defendants, appeared on remand.

Miss Joyce was charged with keeping and maintaining the premises as a disorderly house. The other defendants were accused of aiding and abetting. They included an employee of the club, a soldier and casual visitors.

Mr. E. Clayton, prosecuting for the police, said that two police officers kept observation on the club on five dates between October 31 and November 14. The club consisted of one large room in which dancing took place and refreshments could be obtained, and there was another room, described as a boxroom.

On Saturday, November 14, the night of the raid, there were 70 people there. It was quite clear the club was a meeting-place for a certain type of people.

When one of the defendants was spoken to he said, "We are all queer here, you know."

Det-Sergt. Murray, cross-examined by Mr. Claude Hornby, for Miss Joyce and some of the defendants, said as far as he knew they were of good character.

When it was stated that the soldier charged was under orders to sail for Egypt, Mr. Dummett, the magistrate, remarked: "I am sorry for that. He is here on a criminal charge, and unless the case against him is withdrawn he will have to appear."

SAFETY-FIRST LESSONS

Kettering's most dangerous road crossing is to be painted in school playground and the children are to have lessons in how to cross in safety.

DUELING DOCTOR'S NEW OPPONENT

A Hire Purchase Firm!

Dr. Franz Sarge, the man who is fighting duels in defence of his wife's honour, finds his list of opponents growing. They may be 50; there may be 100.

Meanwhile, he has himself received a challenge—from a hire purchase firm.

Unless he pays a certain amount of money due, this firm says it will remove his furniture.

PANTOMIMES ARE ALL BRITISH

Permit To Play Refused

BARBARA VERNON SHOCKED

Barbara Vernon, young American star of the recent revival of "No, No, Nanette" at the Hippodrome, has been refused a permit by the Ministry of Labour for the part of principal girl in the pantomime, "Mother Goose," at that theatre.

The final decision to refuse the permit was made last month, writes a Home correspondent.

Following this intimation efforts were made to get the Ministry to change its mind—but to no avail.

I understand that the Ministry's view is that an American artist should not be allowed to take such a typically British role as that of principal girl in a British Pantomime.

After Miss Vernon had been told that she had been selected to play the role in the pantomime she went to Paris, partly for a holiday and partly to "break residence" in London to qualify for a new permit, her previous one having just expired.

Pantomime Ban Only
Mr. Sidney Burns, the London agent who has been representing Miss Vernon, said that the authorities will allow her to accept other engagements in this country, and that the ban on her is only in connection with pantomime parts.

Since the Ministry's decision was made known Mr. Tom Arnold, the producer of the pantomime, and his associates have been searching for a substitute for Miss Vernon.

They found that Miss Chili Bouchier, the British film star, would be disengaged at Christmas, and have engaged her for the part of principal girl.

HORSE DROWNED

When a horse and cart fell into a mill stream at Edge Mill Lodge Blackburn, last month, the driver, Walter Salt, of Ashton-street, Blackburn, swam to the animal and freed it, but the horse died soon afterwards.

HOSPITAL MEMORIAL

At the Goodford Memorial Chapel at Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry, last month, Mrs. Frederick Watson unveiled a memorial tablet to her father, the late Sir Robert Jones, surgeon to the hospital for 30 years.

CHURCHES

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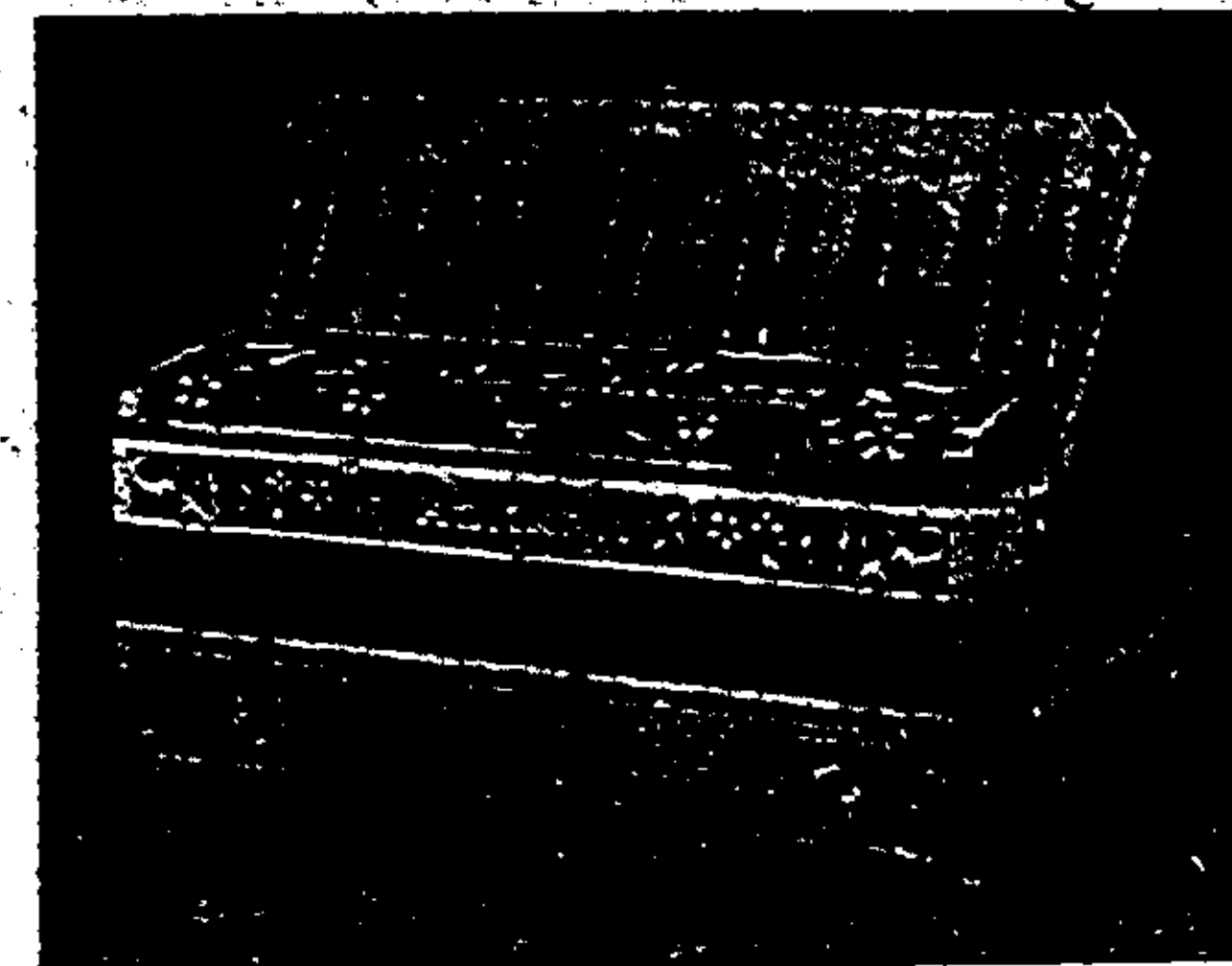
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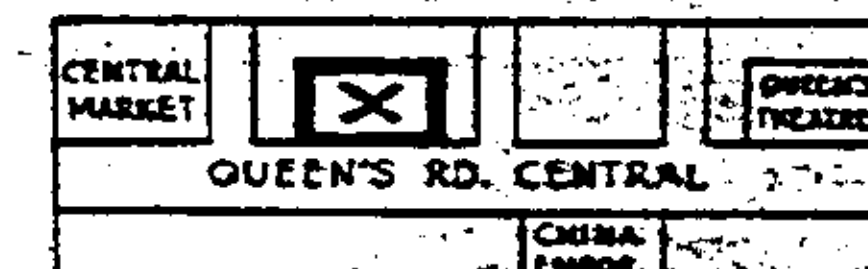
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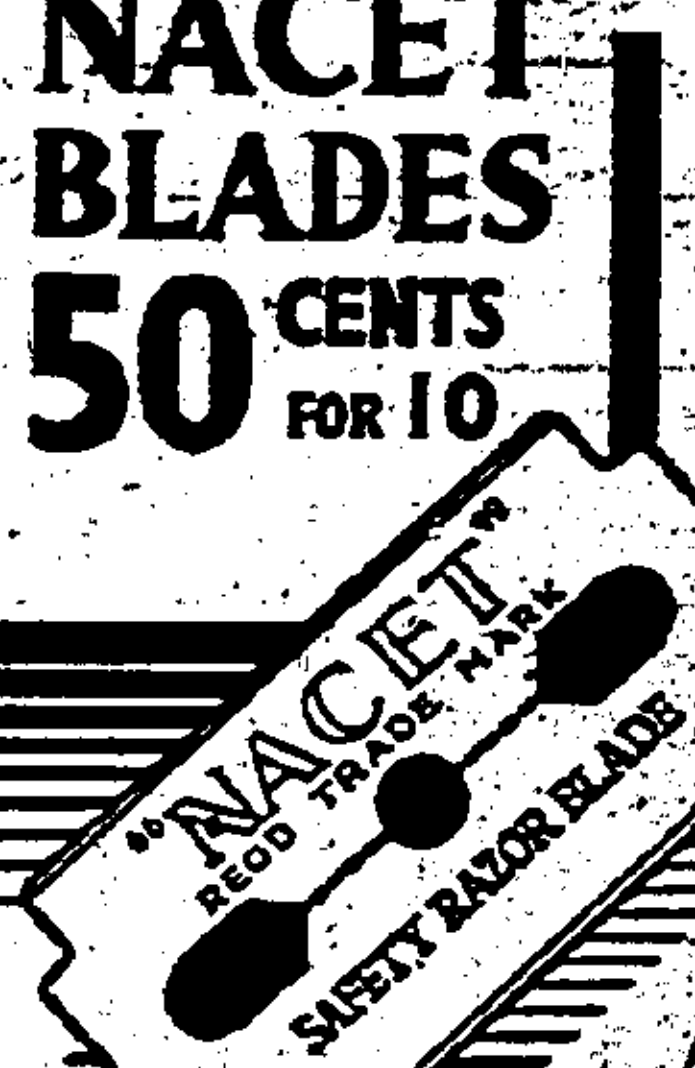
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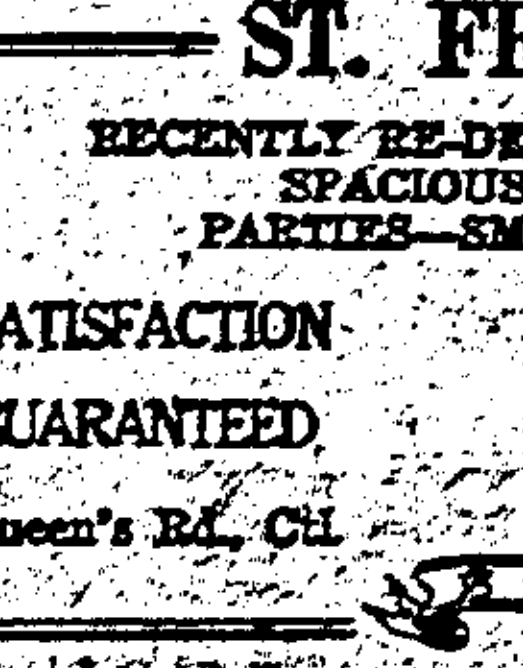
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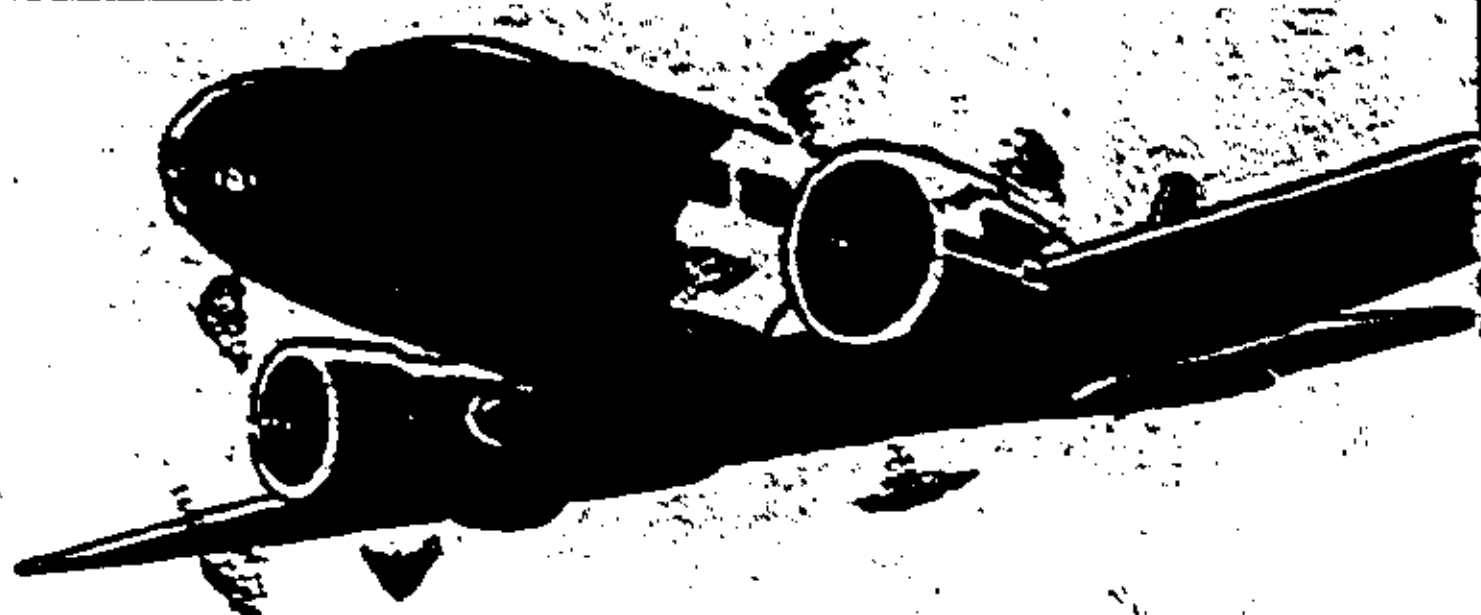
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One instance is that of an Indian woman who was dangerously ill in a remote village. A doctor was flown to the spot, attended the woman, and then brought her back by flying ambulance to hospital for further treatment. Another is that of a man at a lonely settlement who met with an accident which caused a piece of drill steel to enter his eye. He was rushed by air to a suitable landing-ground, and then taken on to hospital by car. Another emergency case was that of a man who was flown to hospital suffering from burns to his hands, arms, and head. Yet another air ambulance case was that of a prospector with a badly-crushed leg.

Just In Time
In another similar instance a geologist working out near the Pomak Lake suffered a leg injury and was picked up on receipt of an urgent call and flown to hospital. A typical instance was that of a girl who, suffering from an acute and dangerous attack of appendicitis, was flown several hundred miles to hospital just in time for an operation that saved her life.

AIR PROGRESS IN FIGURES

Imperial Airways
Advancement.

HOW LOADS HAVE INCREASED

Statistics covering the period from the end of March, 1925, to March 31, this year, throw an interesting light upon the growth in the operations of Imperial Airways. In the year ending March 31, 1925, the Company's aircraft flew 853,042 miles, and carried 11,395 passengers and 212,330 letters; the figure for traffic ton-miles being 391,032. By 1929 the miles flown had increased to 1,032,842, while the figures for passengers carried had increased to 35,522, and the mail-loads to 2,991,340 letters, the traffic ton-miles being 803,192.

Yearly Increase
After this the tale of progress was continued year by year. In 1933 the Company's air-liners were flying 2,030,993 miles, and in the same year the passengers carried numbered 60,966, and the letters 8,300,075, the traffic ton-miles being 2,196,722.

In the last twelve-monthly period for which figures are available, bringing progress up to March 31, this year, the figures are as follows: miles flown, 4,650,718; passengers carried, 68,372; letters carried, 30,997,575; traffic ton-miles, 4,803,427.

AIR TRANSPORTS AID SCIENCE

Locusts Travel By
Plane!

In connection with researches into tropical diseases by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, report issued recently indicates the value of air transport in the rapid dispatch of specimens needed for urgent laboratory research.

Among points mentioned is that of the plans which are being made to arrange for the transport, by air-mail from Greece, of certain specimens required in connection with the study of blackwater fever.

A special value of air transport, in transporting specimens for laboratories, lies in the speed with which consignments can be brought to London from territories along the Empire routes. This enables fresh specimens of insects such as locusts, or mosquitoes, to be packed in special containers and flown to London. Not long ago, a box containing 300 live locusts was, they say, only a few days old when it began its journey.

AMERICAN KEEPING HIS BAL ON

As an "all-out" wrestling match, one of the combats, clinched into the ring wearing an elaborate dressing-gown.

On the arrival of his opponent, he threw this off and revealed to an astonished audience a body covered with thick hair.

In the midst of the awed silence which followed this revelation a voice shouted, "Oh, aren't you going to take your jumper off?"

POSTAL SERVICE BY AIR

Looking Back Into
History

ANOTHER MILESTONE
REACHED

The flying mail has reached, and passed, another milestone in its history. This was the seventeenth anniversary of the first official consignment by the Post Office of mail-loads by air on the pioneer air route between London and Paris.

It was in November, 1919, that a small aeroplane, carrying a load of about 400 lb. left Hounslow with the first Post office mails to be carried by contract on British commercial air routes.

Actually this did not represent the first occasion on which mails were carried by aeroplane. The distinction of carrying the first bag of letters ever flown by aeroplane in England goes to Mr. C. Grahame-White. It was in 1910, at the Blackpool air meeting, that he flew with a small bag of special letters and cards for 7 miles across country.

The First Experiment
The first air-mail experiment to gain the official sanction of the Post Office was made in 1911, and only recently, at a gathering of the Air Mail Society, the organiser of that experiment of 1911, Sir Walter Windham, was honoured by a company which included Sir Herbert Samuel, who was Postmaster General at the time of the 1911 trials. Those experiments were made between Hendon and Windsor, more than 100,000 letters and cards being air-borne.

Pioneers who came together at the recent gathering of the Air Mail Society discussed many of the historical features of the transport of the Air Mail Society discussed many of the historical features of the transport of letters by air. They recalled, for instance, that it was as far back as 1784, when Blanchard ascended in his balloon from the Rhedarium, in Grosvenor Square, London, that his passenger on that flight, Dr. Jeffries, wrote some cards while up in the air. These, bearing the heading "from the balloon above the clouds," were addressed to various friends, and were dropped by the Doctor while over London.

Small Beginnings
A year later, when Blanchard and Jeffries made their balloon voyage across the Channel, several letters were carried on this history-making flight. Among those to whom they were addressed were the Duke of Devonshire, John Sheldon, and William Pitt.

Other examples, that were recalled of the carriage of letters by balloon occurred in 1836 and 1841. It was in 1836, when the "Great Naassau" balloon made a flight from London to Germany, that letters which had been addressed to the Mayors of Canterbury and Dover were dropped while passing above those towns; while in 1841, Richard Gypson, a well-known balloonist, wrote a letter to the antiquarian, John Fillingham. This Gypson dropped from his balloon while over Lympne, claiming it to be the first stamped letter—penny postage stamps having been introduced the previous year—to be taken up and "posted" from mid-air.

It is from such small beginnings, many years ago, that the modern air-mail has been developed, with its routes stretching throughout the world.

AERIAL SIGNPOSTING

In the United States a special appropriation has just been provided by the Works Progress Administration "fund" to provide aerial signposts at 16,000 cities and towns throughout America.

Women pilots are being engaged by the Bureau of Air Commerce for the opportunity to show, in this work of aerial signposting,



A scene from "Our Relations," featuring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, which is now being shown at the King's Theatre.

Amusements Cinema Notes From The Theatres

"OUR RELATIONS"—KING'S THEATRE

Laurel and Hardy play dual roles for the first time in a feature. Naturally, they portray their twin brothers (where could doubles be found?) and it affords double the opportunities for their whimsical pantomime and fantastical action. "Our Relations," based on W. W. Jacobs' short story, "The Money Box," is rated the fastest-moving and funniest vehicle ever starred by the renowned comedians.

"Our relations" is something entirely different and more entertaining than any of the past Laurel and Hardy feature comedies. The excellent supporting cast features, besides Sidney Toller, Lons Andre and Iris Adrian, James Finlayson, Alan Hale, Arthur Housman, Ralf Harolde and Noel Madison. The picture was directed by Harry Lachman.

"MUMMY'S BOYS"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

Using an Egyptian locale for most of the picture's setting instead of their customary American background, Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey hit a new comedy high in "Mummy's Boys," their latest picture.

As a couple of amateur excavators who give up their job of digging ditches in the Bronx in favour of digging up tombs on the Nile, the two Kings of Cachimination have evolved one of the funniest pictures of their screen career. Their progress is linked up with a steamship collision, stealthy Oriental and a deep-laid murder mystery.

Barbara Pepper supplies the heart interest as the daughter of one of the scientists on the expedition to the tomb of Pharaoh Phartime, and Frank M. Thomas and Moreni Olsen do excellently as the two archaeologists. Willie Best, Mitchell Lewis and Francis McDonald head the supporting cast of this hilariously entertaining film, which Fred Guol has directed in a manner that takes full advantage of its many laugh-provoking situations.

"WALKING ON AIR"— ALHAMBRA THEATRE

Gene Raymond and Ann Southern co-star in this poignant comedy of a beautiful Beverly Hills heiress, with the temperament of a pack-ge of firecrackers, and two engaging young college graduates who decide to hire themselves out as companion-adventurer and bodyguard respectively.

The girl engages Raymond to pose as an obnoxious French count after her hand, and to insult her father to such an extent that the man with whom she fancies she is in love, and of whom her father violently disapproves, will look like an excellent catch in comparison. At the same time, the father hires the other boy as secret bodyguard to his daughter in order to prevent her eloping. Merry mix-ups follow, for neither of the two college pals knows what the other's job is; and, similarly, neither father nor daughter realizes what the other one is up to.

The production, also, features Henry Stephenson and Jessie Ralph, as well as George Andre Beaumont, George Meeker, and Charles Coleman.

"THE 39 STEPS"—STAR THEATRE

This English thriller produced by British Gaumont is the story of a unusual type of spy drama. It is full of unexpected situations and is so cleverly devised that it is impossible to foresee the end.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

Christian Science

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The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, to-morrow, December 27, will be: "Christian Science."

The Golden Text will be: "He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." (II John 1:9).

Among others, the following citations from the Bible will be read: "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (Luke 6:31-2, 35-6; Phil 2:5).

The Lesson Sermon will also include the following passages from the Christian (2:5) Science Textbook, "Science and Health with key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "It should be thoroughly understood that all men have one Mind, one God and Father, one Life, Truth, and Love. Mankind will become perfect in proportion as this fact becomes apparent, war will cease and the true brotherhood of man will be established. Having no other Gods, turning to no other but the one perfect Mind to guide him, man is the likeness of God, pure and eternal, having that Mind which was also in Christ."

Christian Science demonstrates that none but the pure in heart can see God, as the gospel teaches. In proportion to his purity is man perfect; and perfection is the order of celestial being which demonstrates Life in Christ, Life's spiritual ideal. The vital part, the heart and soul of Christian Science, is Love. What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds. The habitual struggle to be always good is unceasing prayer. Its motives are made manifest in the blessings they bring, blessings which, even if not acknowledged in audible words, attest our worthiness to be partakers of Love. Simply asking that we may love God will never make us love Him; but the longing to be better and holier, expressed in daily watchfulness and in striving to assimilate more of the divine character, will mould and fashion us anew, until we awake in his likeness. And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; and to be also just, and pure." (Page 467, 337, 113, 4, 497).

Announcement
Branches of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Mass.) Macdonnell Road, by Macdonnell Road Tram Station. Sunday Service 11:15 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday 6 p.m. A Reading Room is located at Bank of East Asia Building, 10 Des Voeux Road Central, and is open daily, except Wednesdays and Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All authorized Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The Public is cordially invited to attend the Services and visit the Reading Room.

gently required for an ambulance at Port Darwin.

Old Nature Of Cargo
Commenting on such consignments as these, an Imperial Airways official observed: "It is difficult, nowadays, to place any sort of limit to the odd nature of the cargoes which pass through our hands sometimes. Leaving an hotel in a hurry one morning not long ago a patron left some false teeth behind him. These were discovered, made up into an urgent package, and rushed off after him at once by air. Then there was the case of an ocean passenger who left a bunch of important keys behind him at an hotel. To get them to him before his liner sailed, it was necessary to charter a special aeroplane."

"POOR LITTLE RICH GIRL"— ORIENTAL THEATRE

Shirley Temple comes in a new Fox hit that is by far and away the greatest film she has ever made. "The Poor Little Rich Girl" flashes across the screen a blaze of melody, laughter and romance.

Here is Shirley in all her glory in a song-filled, laugh-laden story, that is one of the crowning cinema achievements of this or any other year. Five melodious new song hits are featured in the production. The numbers, all written by those famous Hollywood song writers, Mack Gordon and Harry Revel, are "When I'm With You," "But Definitely," "You've Got to Eat Your Spinach, Baby," "Oh, My Goodness" and "Military Man."

In "Poor Little Rich Girl," Shirley is supported by an exceptional cast including Alice Faye, Gloria Stuart, Jack Haley and Michael Whalen.

"THE LAW IN HER HANDS"— MAJESTIC THEATRE

"The Law in Her Hands" a First National comedy drama combining hilarious laughter and dramatic thrills, has a talented cast headed by Margaret Lindsay, Glenda Farrell, Warren Hull and Lyle Talbot.

The plot is said to move with rapid fire action from the first sequence when a bomb is dropped in a restaurant by a racketeer to the denouement in which the boss-gangster is convicted of poisoning milk for babies and killing witnesses to cover up his tracks.

Others in the cast include Eddie Acuff, Dick Purcell, Al Shean, Joseph Crehan, Matty Fain, Addison Richards and Eddie Shubert. William Clemens directed.

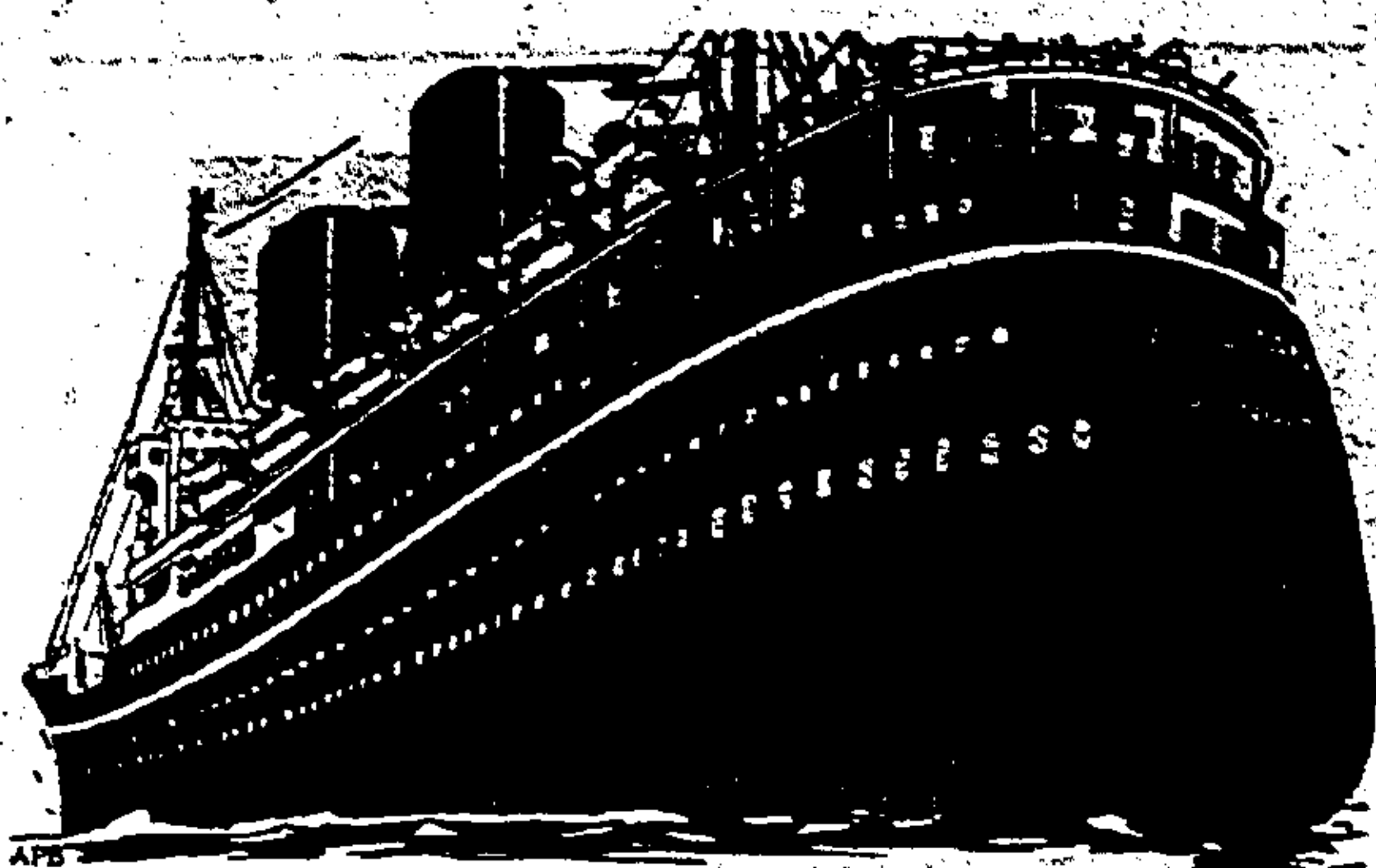
ODDITIES IN AIR TRANSPORT

False Teeth And
Keys!

WEDDING CAKE RUSHED OFF!

One of the air-liners on the Australia-England route was on the point of leaving Brisbane last month when a last-minute parcel was rushed to the air-port, and placed aboard. It contained a wedding cake that had been prepared in response to an urgent order from Camoowal, and was being flown to that city.

Another consignment in the cargo of this particular air-liner consisted of five cases of whisky, these being intended for Daly Waters. Another unusual item, recently, in the air, dispatched from Brisbane, was an axle for a



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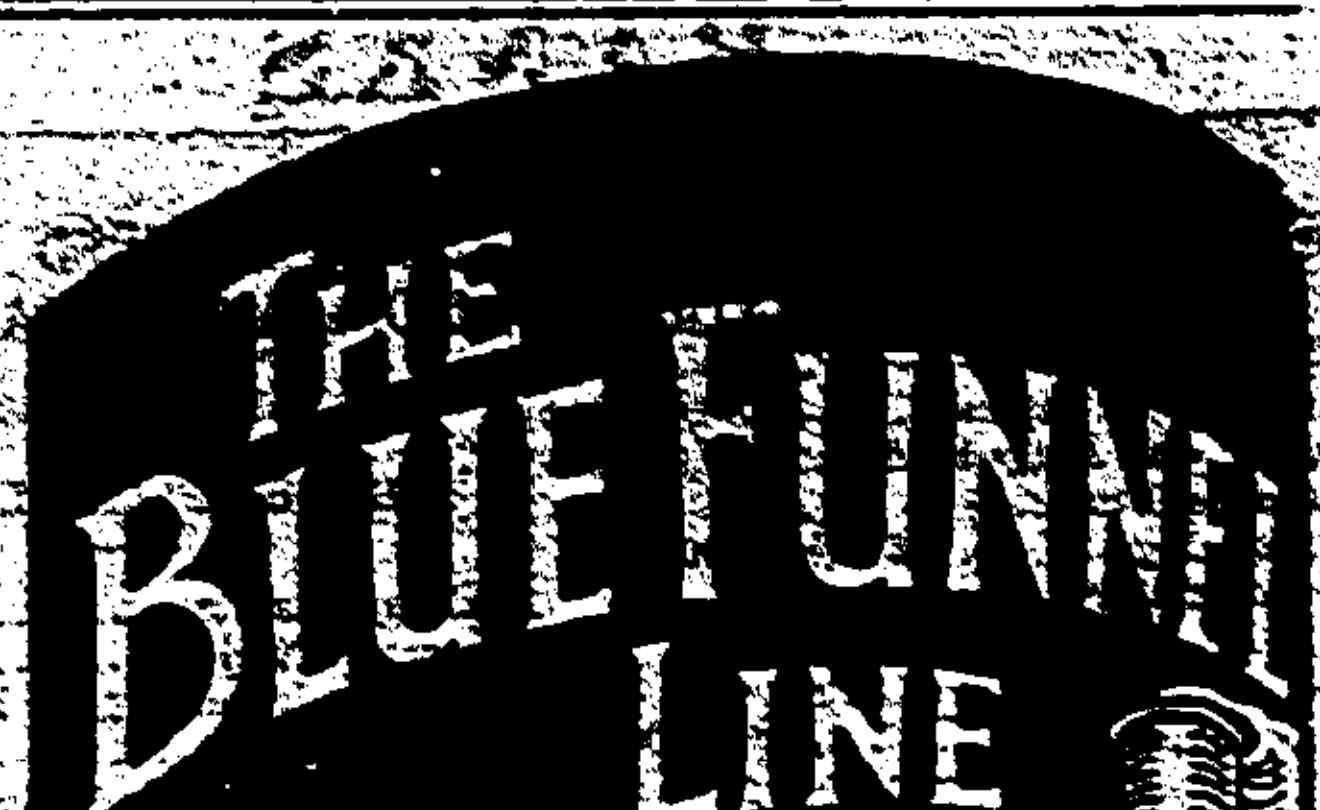
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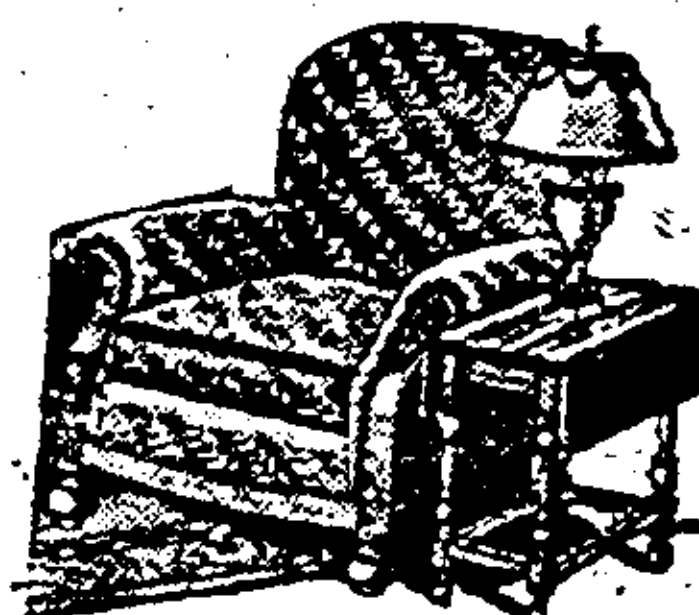
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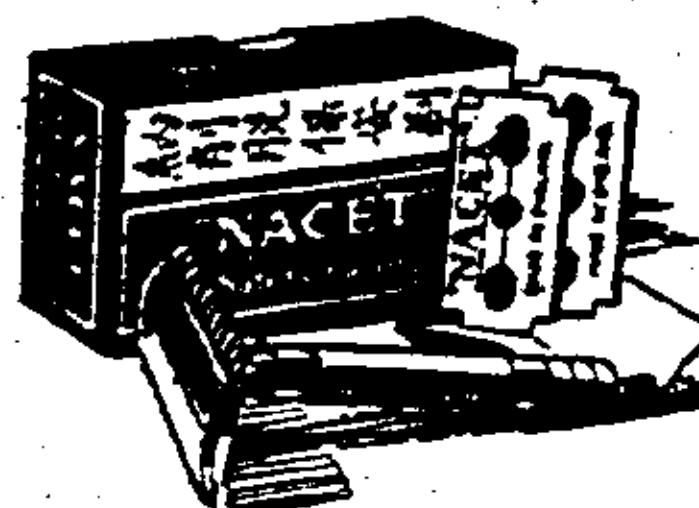
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Victoria Peak	1,822
Signal Station	1,774
Mt. Parker	1,734
Mountain Lodge	1,725
The Eyrie	1,725
Peak Hotel	1,305
Mt. Davis	377
Bowen Road (altitudes)	297

MAINLAND

	Feet
Tai Mo Shan	3,124
Kowloon Peak	1,971

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (345 k.c.s.). 31.49 metres. (9.52 megacycles).

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12.30-2.15 p.m. — European Pro-

gramme.

12.30 p.m.—The Boston Orchestra.

12.47 p.m.—Four Songs by Jose-

phine Baker.

1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and

Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Dance Music.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Local:

Weather Forecast, Time and Announ-

cements.

1.40 p.m.—Excerpts from "The Mi-

lady" (Gilbert & Sullivan).

2 p.m.—The London Piano-Accor-

deon Band.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7 p.m.—12.05 midnight — European

Programme.

7 p.m.—Albert Sandler and His Or-

chestra with Nelson Eddy (Baritone).

Song—

Rose Marie.

Orchestra—

Faust-Fantasia (Gounod).

Song—

Falling in love with someone.

Orchestra—

Tears, (Uhr).

Song—

Love's old sweet song (Bingham).

Orchestra—

Always in my heart,

Isn't it romantic.

Song—

Ah! Sweet mystery of life.

7.30 p.m.—Debroy Somers Band.

Theatre Memories (No. 1—"The

Gaiety").

Fairest—Selection.

7.47 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the

piano.

Piano Medley.

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal. Wea-

ther Report and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—London—Round London

at Night. A microphone tour of Lon-

don after dark. Arranged by Pascoe

Thornton.

8.30 p.m.—A Variety Programme.

Vocal Duet—

Love made the song.

Syll Crawley & E. Starling.

Song—

Music in May....Dorothy Dickson

(Soprano).

from "Careless Rapture".

Ocean Solo—

Popular Melodies...Harold Ramsay.

Vocal—

I'll stand by...Les Allen and his

Canadian Bachelors.

Piano Duet—

Liszt in Rhythm.

Humorous—

Rawicz and Landauer.

When I'm cleaning windows.

George Fornby.

Hawaiian—

Hawaiian Paradise...Andy Iona

and His Islanders.

Vocal—

Cravin' my heart out for you.

Lullaby.....Kitty Masters.

Acordion Solo—

Song of Songs...George Scott-Wood.

Humorous—

Confessions of a cheeky chapp.

Max Miller.

Banjo & Guitar Duet—

Medley of Stephen Foster Songs.

The Brothers Bertini.

Song—

Alone Again.....Turner Layton.

Hawaiian Guitar Duet—

Drifting and Dreaming.

Ferreira and Paulchi.

Song—

Stars in my eyes.

Grace Moore (Soprano).

Piano Duet—

Waltz Memories from Vienna.

Rawicz and Landauer.

Instrumental—

Blaze away.....Eddie Peabody.

9.30 p.m.—London—News and An-

nouncements.

9.45 p.m.—Times of Yesterday.

Shuffle off to Buffalo.

The Four Musketeers.

By a Waterfall—Fox-Trot.

The B.C. Dance Orchestra.

Grace Fields Medley...Grace Fields.

10 p.m.—London—Big Ben.

A Relay of Dance Music from the

Grill-Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.

11.25 p.m.—London—Rugby: "Har-

lequins v. Richmond," a commentary

of the game.

11.50 p.m.—London—News and An-

nouncements.

12.05 p.m.—Close down.

UNOFFICIAL STRIKE

Eighty dockers went on an un-
official strike at Glasgow last
month for extra pay for unloading
a cargo of phosphates.

SHORT OF SUGAR

Ireland was last month three-
times with a surplus sugar stor-
ages following a strike in the su-
gar beet industry.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Anticipatory Bidding

The primary function of bid-
ding, of course, is to express
values as accurately as pos-
sible. But it is too often sup-
posed that when the primary
object has been attained the
player should relax (collapse
would be more apt), and leave
the rest to his partner.

There are other considera-
tions to be observed in good
bidding, considerations that at
times become even more impor-
tant than precise evaluating.
These may be called, for want
of a more definite term, strate-
gic considerations. Certain bids
must be made in defiance of the
honour trick, table simply be-
cause the bidder dare not lose
the opportunity to show his
partner a distribution that
may suggest an excellent
"sacrifice" contract, as in to-
day's hand.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S-7

H-K J 10 9 6 4

D-7 5

C-Q J 9 8

WEST

S-A K 10 8 4 3 S-Q J 9 6

H-7 5 H-A Q 3 2

D-9 2 D-Q J 10 3

C-K 4 3 C-10

SOUTH

S-5 2

H-3

D-A K 8 6 4

C-A 7 6 5 2

The bidding:

South West North East

1 D 1 S 2 H 3 S

4 C 4 S 5 C Pass

Pass Double Pass Pass

Pass

The bid that suggested the

theme of this article was

South's four clubs bid. He did

not have it on actual values.

His one diamond bid represented

the entire hand to within a

very small fraction, and a free

bid at this stage denoted more

strength than he actually had.

But he dared not pass! It was

10 to 1 that West would go to

game in spades over his partner's

very strong raise. In

that case one of two different

kinds of catastrophes might re-

sult. First, North might

"stretch" and bid five hearts,

not knowing that South was so

badly prepared for a heart con-

tract. Second, if North was

forced to pass over West's al-

most "inevitable" four spades

the bidding would be at the five

level when it got around to

South again, and then it would

be too costly to experiment

with a hit-or-miss sacrifice bid

of five clubs. Thus, in the most

real sense South's overbid of

four clubs was the conservative

rather than the aggressive

policy.

On this particular hand the

four club bid had an extremely

happy outcome. East and West

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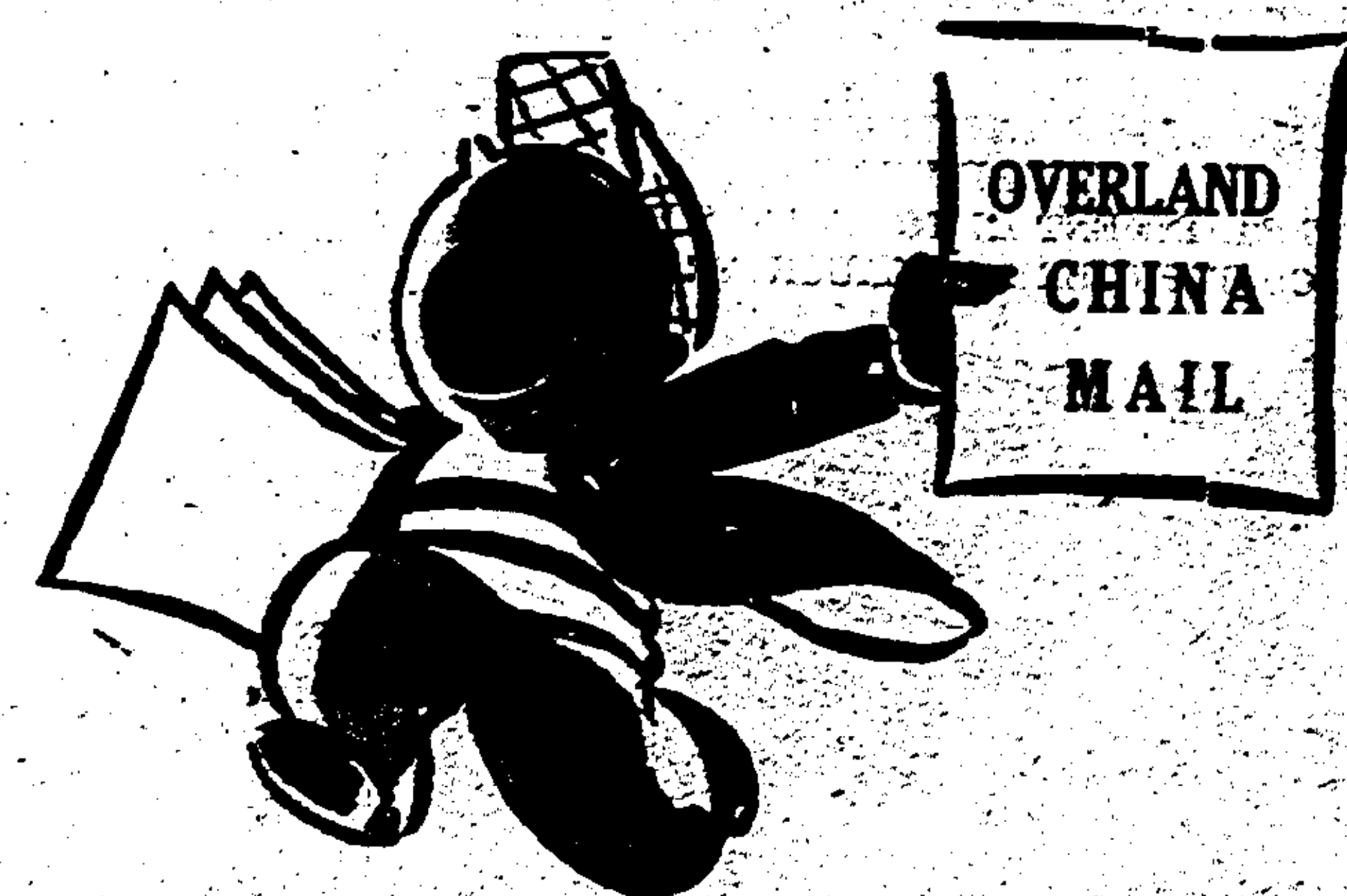
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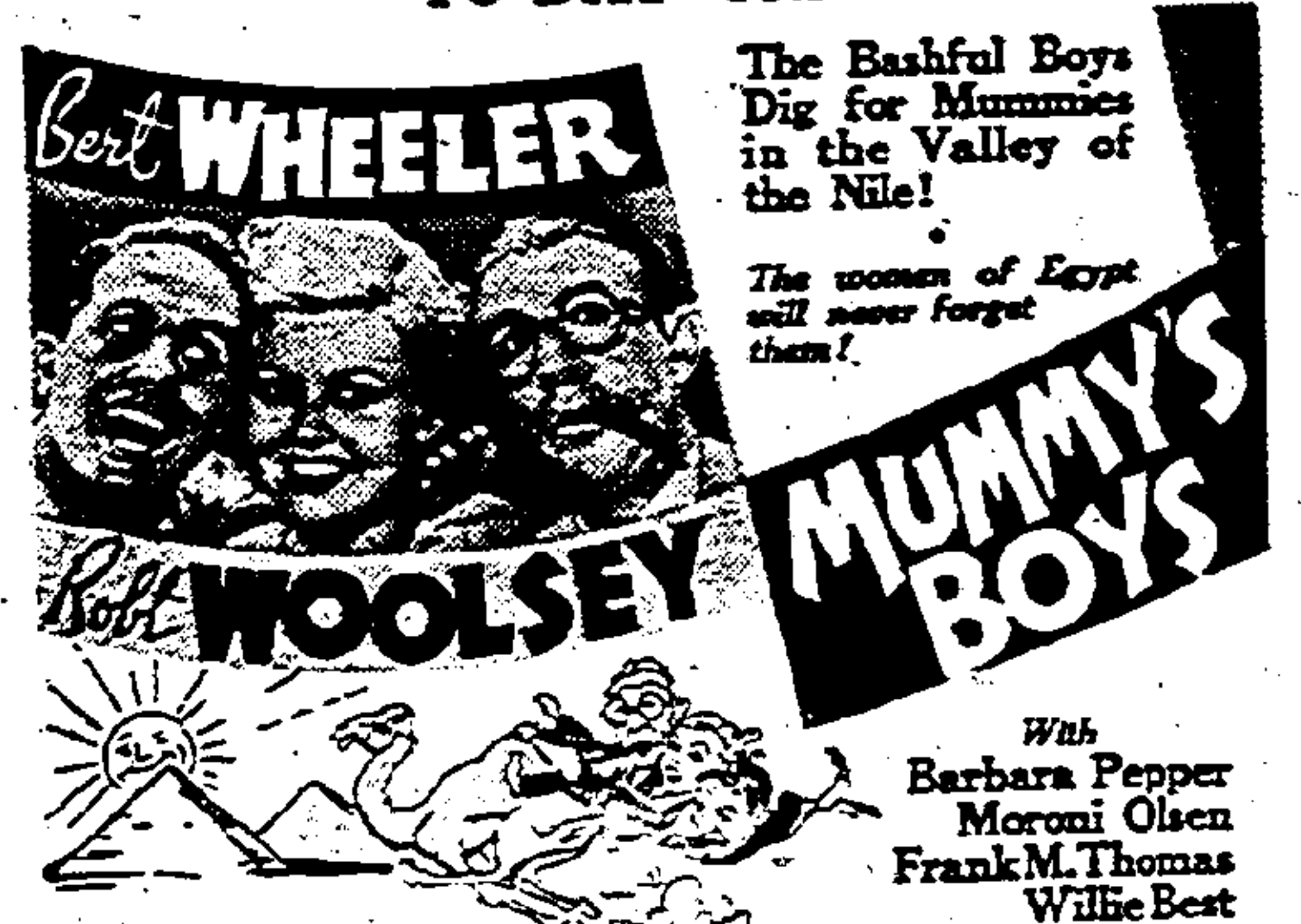


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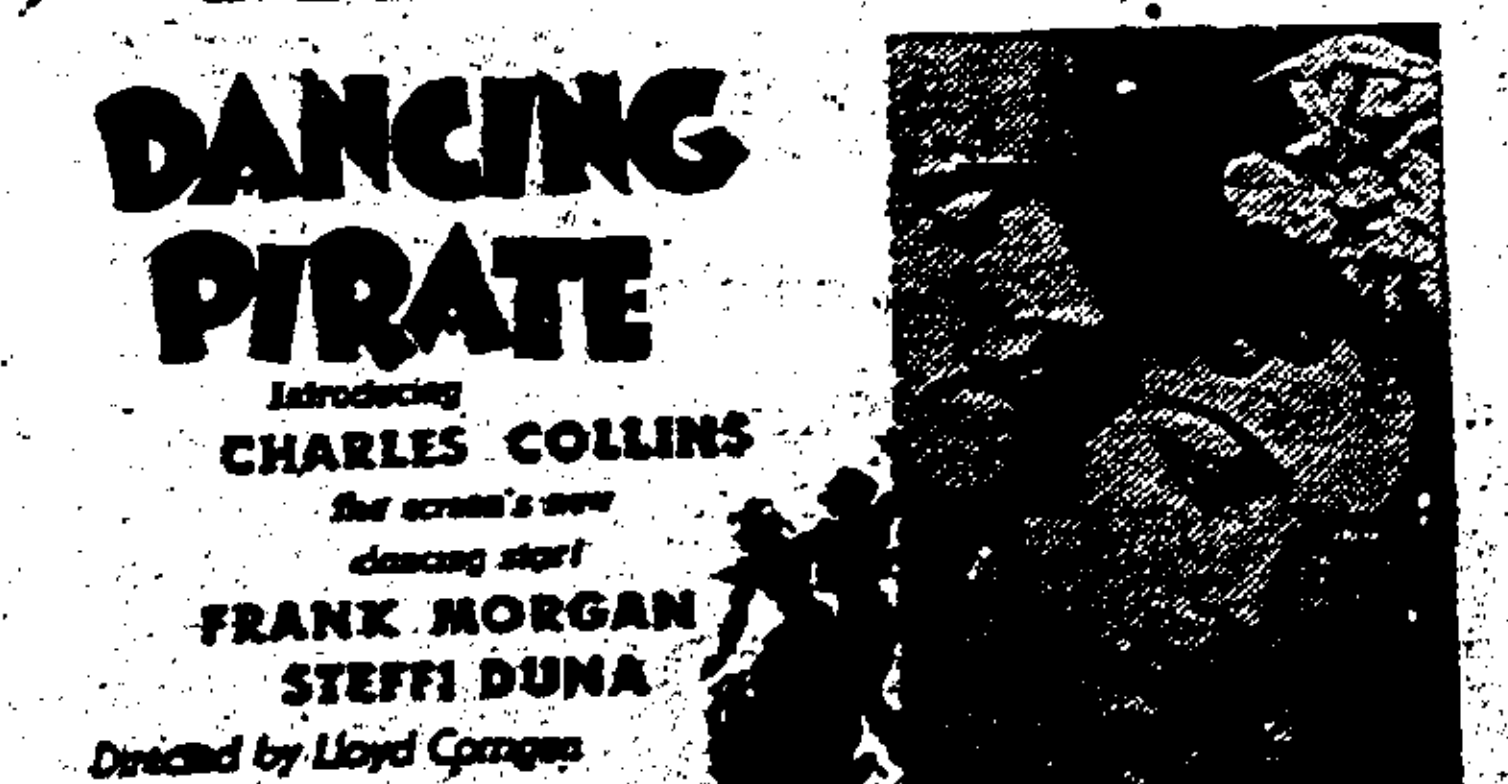
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GENERALISSIMO RELEASED

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situation revealed in the north-west and it is felt that the matter must be cleared up without delay.

The Japanese are now expected to press more strongly than ever for a thorough and final drive against the Communists in that section of the country.—Reuter.

Young Marshal To Go On Foreign Tour?

Canton: The repairs to the western section of the Lung Hai Railway were completed yesterday, and it is stated that the rest of the captives, including General Chen Cheng, the Vice-minister of War, returned to Loyang yesterday afternoon by this line. It is also stated that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, the rebel leader, will go on a foreign tour in the very near future.—Our Own Correspondent.

TO GREET WANG

Canton: As Mr. Wang Ching-wei, chairman of the Central Political Council, is on his way back to China, Mrs. Wang Ching-wei and Mr. Chen Kung-po, former Minister of Industry, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the s.s. Scharnhorst so as to be able to welcome Mr. Wang when he arrives there in a fortnight's time.—Our Own Correspondent.

Earlier Messages

OUTSPOKEN COMMENT BY NANKING PRESS

Nanking: Impatience is gradually mounting following the "repeated requested for the delay of military operations."

The Nanking press is specially outspoken, demanding the early suppression of the revolt.

The official Central Daily News states that "we only want to hear news of the advance of the Government troops towards Sian. We do not want news of negotiations or arrivals from Sian."

It was the general opinion that a peaceful settlement must be reached by to-day or there will be no further delay and the Government troops will attack Sian from all directions.

Settlement Terms?

Shanghai: A settlement is reported likely in the Sianfu revolt whereby Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang will place himself under the protection of Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, the Governor of the adjoining province of Shansi. The Generalissimo would then be released and will remain in Sianfu to clear up the situation.

The inducements offered to the rebel troops are not known, but anyhow their position is becoming untenable owing to the overwhelming superiority of the Government forces.

Marshal Yen Hsi-shan has ably ruled Shansi, which is known as the Model Province, since 1911 and is fully loyal to Nanking, though he is on equally friendly terms with the Young Marshal.

Evacuation Of British Subjects

Peiping: The threatening hostilities are endangering the lives of foreigners in Shensi province. The British Military Attaché will go to Loyang to-night in an endeavour to arrange for the evacuation of all British subjects.—Reuter.

RADIO STATION IMPROVED

Important extensions and alterations have been made to Wick Radio Station which receives more distress signals from ships than any other coast station in the British Isles.

TIN FOL COT

After 10 years' collecting waste tin foil, Mr. Waters-Leaving, of Southham, Norfolk, has given £500 to the King's Lynn Hospital to endow a child's cot.

U.S. BARTER TRANSACTIONS WITH GERMANY

Approved By Treasury

Washington, Yesterday. The Treasury announces its approval of the barter transactions with Germany and states that it will not assess countervailing duties against such barter. The Treasury also mentioned two types of transactions involving the so-called block marks which, likewise, would not be considered to be subject to countervailing duties.—Reuter.

BELGIAN ACTION IN ABYSSINIA

Legation Replaced By Consulate-General

Brussels, Yesterday. The Belgian Government has announced that the Legation in Addis Ababa will be replaced by a Consulate-General following the examples of Great Britain, France and Japan. This does not, however, mean recognition of Italian sovereignty in Ethiopia, whereas Germany, Austria, Hungary and Albania have recognised the Italian conquest.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY

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The funeral takes place this afternoon, passing the Monument at 5 p.m. A service will be held in the Chapel of the Colonial Cemetery, after which another service will be held at the Crematorium at Sookunpo.

TRAGIC DECISION

Later details reveal that Mrs. Anderson was sitting in the back of a small car while her husband was driving in front with a friend. They had originally intended going to see a new flat they were taking in Waterloo Road but in order to waste some time they decided to take a run out to the 10-milestone on Castle Peak Road.

When in the vicinity of Tsun Wan they met a lorry and what is believed to have been an iron girder projecting from the lorry smashed the back window and killed Mrs. Anderson instantaneously.

Mrs. Anderson was formerly Mrs. G. E. Marshall of Japan, although she had been a resident of Hong Kong for a long period. She married Mr. Anderson on March 27 of this year.

Mrs. Anderson is survived by two daughters, who are residing at Yokohama, and a son, who is living in Tientsin, and we understand that their intended visit to Waterloo Road was to prepare the flat for a pending visit from Mrs. Anderson's married daughter.

It is understood that the Rev. J. D. Maclean will officiate at the service in the Chapel.

CHILD ON 40-MILE WALK

Two cyclists on the main Manchester-Carlisle road at 10 o'clock one night last month met a small girl, who explained that, having lost her father and mother in Morecambe, she was walking to Dalton, a distance of 40 miles.

THE POPE'S MESSAGE

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The Pope declared that between those who pretended to be leading the defenders of order against the subversion of civilisation and against the spread of atheist Communism, he sorrowfully saw not a few being guided by false and fatal ideas in their choice of remedies and in the appraisal of their adversaries.

THE YEAR'S EVENTS

Referring to the year's events, the Pope appealed for the maintenance of peace where it reigns and its re-establishment where it is but a memory. To this appeal he joined to-day more fervently than ever his prayer to God for that "tranquillity of order in which alone peace can consist, for the execution of that individual and collective justice without which no order is possible."

The Pope offered up a prayer for the good of the entire Church, particularly for Spain, which is "now so troubled and for that very reason is so dear to us"—Reuter.

EMERGENCY METHODS

Vatican City, earlier: Using a special silver-plated microphone, the Pope will broadcast his message to the world at 11.30 a.m. from the Vatican Palace. The address will be read in English, when His Holiness has finished his talk. As the broadcast will naturally impose considerable strain on the Pontiff in view of his state of health, his physician, Dr. Milani, will be present at his bedside throughout the talk, ready to give first aid if necessary.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

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It is understood that the British Government is offering no objections and that the Dominion Governments also approve, while the German authorities have promised certain privileges and facilities to the Company.

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OTHER HOPES

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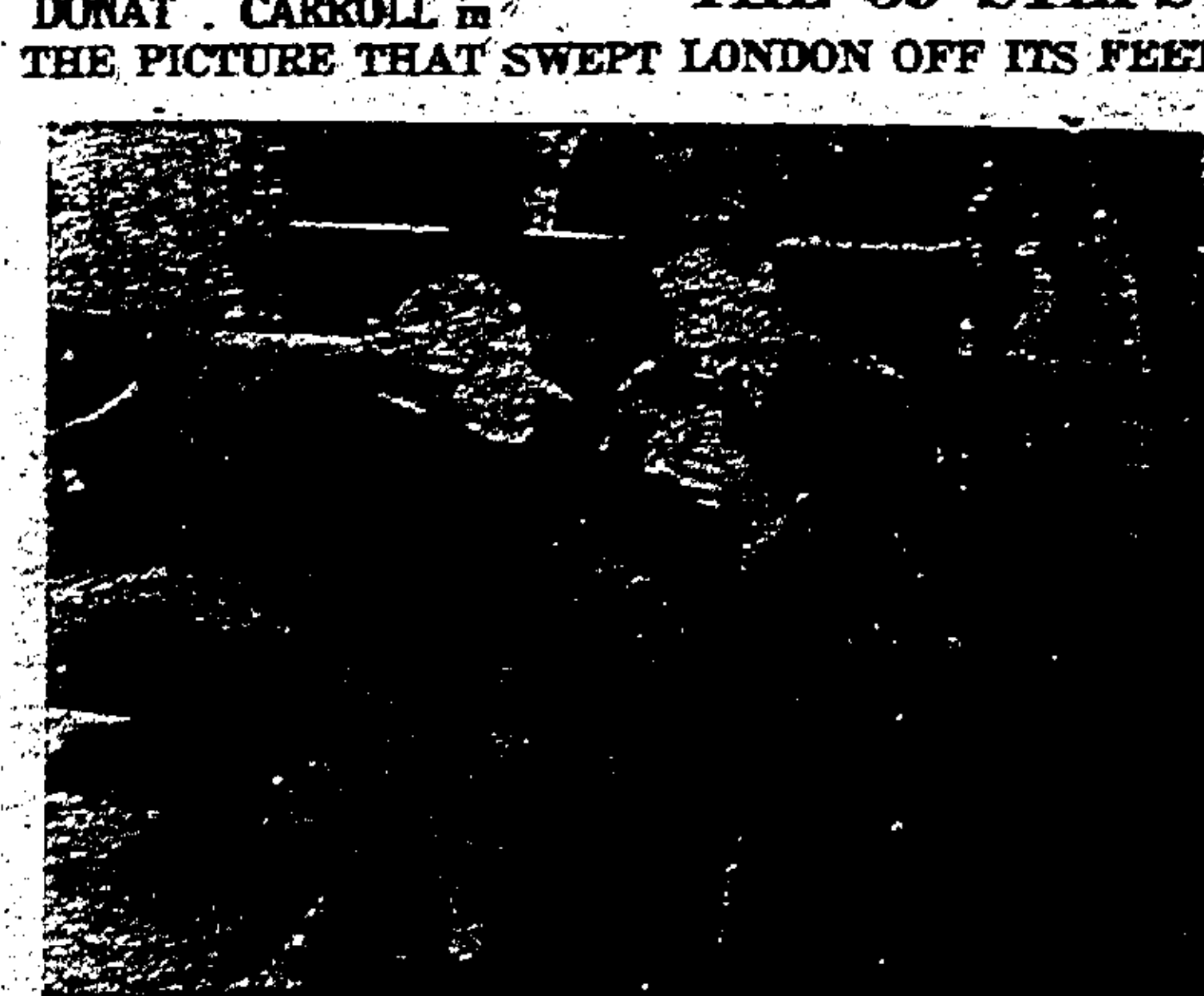
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